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TWO WAYNE CO., OHIO MEN VICTIMS OF DROWNING

Bishop Milan Yoder and Jacob E. Hershberger drowned and two others, Dannie Hershberger (a brother to Jacob) and Joe Gingerich narrowly escaped tragedy. They were cutting logs along the Mohican River in Knox County for the Coblentz Lumber Co. They had two ropes across the river, which was a few hundred feet wide, to guide their canoe across the water, which was swift and high since the heavy rains. The men wanted to cross the river, for dinner, in a row boat and the boat overturned. This was the fourth crossing that day but the first time without wearing life jackets. Dannie swam out then went back in and rescued Joe who had kept hold of a rope but was under water.

This happened the 28th at noon and Milan's body was found the 29th in the evening five miles down the river. Two brothers-in-law, Dan M. Weaver and Raymond M. Miller, first spotted him, only part of his arm was visible, 40 ft. from shore, caught at a snap on the back side of a log. It took several hours to get him out (see obituary). Jacob, the father of four children, was not found at the time of this report.

YOUNG COUPLE OVERCOME BY COAL GAS

A young St. Mary's County, Md., couple, John and Fronie Kurtz, had a narrow escape, being nearly overcome by coal gas on Saturday night, Jan. 26th. They were awakened by their baby daughter around 1:30 but on arising kept getting dizzy and fell down. They sensed something was wrong and he went to open a window in the kitchen. He fell against a glass cabinet and broke the glass, cutting his face a little. About two hours after awakening they finally got her parents in the next house awake. They spent Sunday there, John was in bed, too sick to do the chores. They burn coal in their range at night and found the plate in the stovepipe was closed when the key was at a 45 degree angle.

STROKE FATAL TO 2-YEAR-OLD BOY

David, son of Eli and Mary (Zook) Wengerd died Jan. 16 from what the doctors called a Children's Stroke. He had whooping cough and was a very sick baby on the last of December. He just lay and his one side seemed paralyzed so he was taken to the doctor Dec. 31st. The doctor said it's only from his high fever when his fever leaves he will be all right. The next day he seemed worse so he was taken to another doctor who said he had a children's stroke, and they should take him to the Danville Hospital. He was fed intravenously most of the time. At Danville they said that one of his veins is stretched like a balloon for a short distance and blood whirls around and a deposit has built up. A piece of this had come loose and lodged on his brain which caused the stroke. They also thought he was blind.

(See obituary)

BUGGY-CAR ACCIDENT

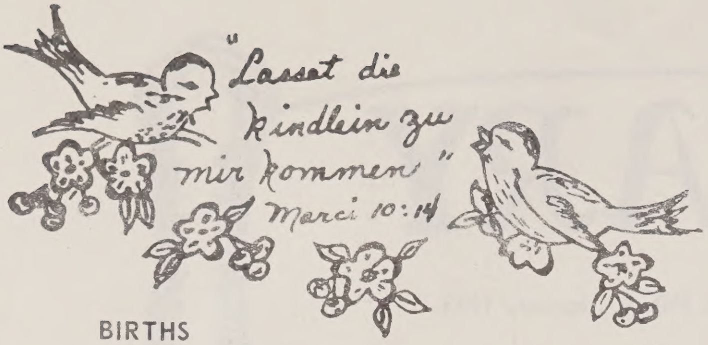
Leroy, age 19, son of Joe and Esther Bontrager of Bronson R1, Michigan, was hit by a speeding car, traveling south on Orland Road, south of Bronson, Sunday afternoon Jan. 20th. The driver said he could not see the buggy till he was on him, on account of rain and heavy fog. The buggy was smashed to bits, and the horse, who had a broken leg, had to be killed. Leroy was in the hospital from Sunday P.M. to Wed. A.M., suffering mostly from head injuries.

MIFFLIN CO., PA. ACCIDENT

John, son of Rebecca Swarey, cut a gash below the knee with a chain saw. It required six stitches. It happened while in the woods cutting fire wood. It seemed pretty bad at first but is coming along fine.

WAYNE CO., OHIO ACCIDENT

Jonas A. Miller, age 49, fell down the hay hole the week of Jan. 7th. No bones were broken but he had his shoulder torn out of socket.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Amos E. (Sally S. Smucker) New Holland R2 a son AARON Y., January 27

BEILER, Amos L. (Miriam S. King) Quarryville R3 a son ELAM K., January 9

BEILER, Amos L. (Salome Stoltzfus) Narvon R2 a son LLOYD, January 11

BEILER, Enos (Sadie Zook) 73 Maple Ave., Leola a son JOHN Z., January 22

BEILER, Jacob L. (Emma King) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter KATIE, January 17

BEILER, John S. (Rebecca King) 106 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a daughter MARY K., January 25

BEILER, Marcus (Sara Beiler) New Providence R1 a daughter KATIE, January 7

ESCH, Ben (Lavina Lapp) Leola R1 a daughter REBECCA L., January 30

ESH, Aaron (Lena King) Gordonville R1 a daughter AMANDA K., January 11

ESH, Abner K. (Annie S. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a son MERVIN S., January 22

ESH, Isaac K. (Anna S. Beiler) Gordonville R1 a son JOHN, January 27

ESH, Samuel S. (Elizabeth S. Fisher) 197 S. Maple Ave. Leola, a son AARON F., January 8

FISHER, Aaron L. (Susie L. Zook) Gordonville R1 a son AARON L. JR., January 18

FISHER, Amos E. (Rachel S. Lapp) Ronks R1 twin daughters ELSIE & EMMA, January 15

FISHER, Elam L. (Sadie S. Kauffman) Honey Brook R2 a son OMAR, January 24

FISHER, John M. (Katie Z. King) Quarryville R2 a son HENRY K., January 27

FISHER, Omar S. (Rebecca K. Esh) Ronks R1 a son REUBEN, January 10

FISHER, Samuel E. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son ELAM S., January 12

GLICK, Samuel (Katie Stoltzfus) 99 Quarry Rd., Leola a son DAVID, January 5

KING, Amos B. (Annie F. Smoker) 1975 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a daughter RACHEL B., January 18

KING, Christian B. (Sarah S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a son JOHN ISAAC, January 16

KING, David B. (Anna S. Riehl) Honey Brook R2 a daughter SALLY R., January 8

KING, Gideon K. (Barbara S. Glick) Gap R1 a son BENUEL G., January 11

KING, Henry (Mima Zook) Quarryville R3 a daughter MALINDA Z., January 14

KING, Samuel B. (Annie L. Zook) Willow Street R1 a son ELMER Z., January 6

LAPP, Aaron S. (Sarah Lapp) Gordonville R1 a daughter BARBARA L., January 27

LAPP, Christ (Anna Mary Esh) Quarryville R3 a daughter ROSA FERN, January 8

LAPP, Jonas K. (Lydia Miller) Quarryville R1 a son AMOS, January 1

LAPP, Reuben(Anna Beiler) Maple St., Gordonville a daughter BARBARA, January 4

SMUCKER, Amos J. (Mary B. King) Honey Brook R1 a son JONAS, January 29

STOLTZFUS, Ben Z. (Salina Swarey) Kinzers R1 a son SAMUEL, January 17

STOLTZFUS, Daniel (Susie Petersheim) Quarryville R3, a son LEROY P., January 2

STOLTZFUS, Daniel M. (Rebecca K. Stoltzfus) Morgantown R1, a daughter MARTHA, January 4

STOLTZFUS, David B. (Lena Glick) Gordonville R1 a daughter SUSIE ANN, January 15

STOLTZFUS, Isaac E. (Barbara Fisher) Nottingham R2, a son AMOS, January 6

STOLTZFUS, Jonas L. (Annie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son JONAS, January 10

STOLTZFUS, Reuben (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter SUSIE J., January 31

STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Naomi Beiler) Gordonville R1 a son ELMER B., January 24

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

TROYER, Aden A. (Mary Weaver) McAlistersville R2 a daughter BARBARA, January 17

Indiana County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Loren (Sarah Miller) Smicksburg a son URIA, January 26

HOSTETLER, John (Martha Yoder) Punxsutawney a daughter MARTHA, January 23

MILLER, David E. (Mary Weaver) Smicksburg a daughter FANNY, January 27

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Dover, Delaware

BEACHY, Lewis H. (Mary Ann Miller) Dover R2
a daughter HANNAH, January 1
MILLER, Wm. Ray (Miriam Coblentz) Hartly R1
a daughter ELMINA, January 1
TROYER, Jonas L. (Amanda Miller) Wyoming R1
a son ABNER, January 6
YODER, Roman L. (Sadie Mast) Hartly R1
a son MARVIN, January 12

St. Mary's County, Maryland

STOLTZFUS, Amos (Rebecca Yoder) Mechanicsville
a daughter LEAH , January 29
STOLTZFUS, Joe (Susie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville
a son MELVIN, January 1
STOLTZFUS, Samuel H. (Salina Zook) Mechanicsville
a son SIMEON, January 21
STOLTZFUS, Samuel J. (Lena Hertzler) Mechanicsville
a daughter RUTH, January 29
SWAREY, Israel (Elizabeth Hostetler) Charlotte Hall
a daughter MARY, January 21

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, William (Anna Lapp) Newville R3
a daughter ADA, January 10

Path Valley, Pennsylvania

SWAREY, Jacob (Susie Stoltzfus)
a son STEPHEN, January 24

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Michael J. (Sarah Yoder) Reedsville
a son M. JOEL, January 13
ZOOK, Eli (Leah Hostetler) Milroy
a son CHRIST, January 1
ZOOK, Tobie (Mattie Hostetler)Milroy
a son ELI, December 29

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

PEACHEY, Ammon (Sarah Peachey) Belleville
a son AMMON, January 26
PEIGHT, Samuel (Annie Peachey) Belleville
a son CRISTIE, December 31
SWAREY, Jonathan (Susie Kanagy) Belleville
a son BENUEL, January 28

Oakland, Maryland

BEACHY, Lewis E. (Linda Petersheim) Oakland R2
a daughter CAROLYN SUE, January 16

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Eli E. (Anna Yoder) New Wilmington R2
a daughter IDA, January 2
KURTZ, John D. (Leah Byler) New Wilmington R2
a son ELI, January 29
MAST, Dan A. (Nancy Wengerd) New Wilmington R1
a daughter SALLY, January 8
MILLER, Dan N. (Lydia Shetler) New Wilmington R2
a son NEAL, January 6

Nappanee, Indiana

CHUPP, Lester (Linda Miller) Nappanee R2
a son ANTHONY, January 20

Orwell, Ohio

FISHER, Dan D. (Nancy Mast)
a daughter SUSAN, January 27

Geauga County, Ohio

DETWEILER, Lester L. (Mattie J. Miller)
a son
HOSTETLER, Dan D. (Estetler S. Hostetler)
a daughter LAURA
MAST, Noah J. (Ada J. Miller)
a son
MILLER, Andy J. (Fannie S. Weaver)
a son DANIEL
MILLER, Chester H. (Clara Miller)
a daughter ROSA EDNA
MILLER, Freeman A. (Katie Ann Yoder)
a daughter
MILLER, Joe P. (Lovina Hershberger)
a daughter
MILLER, John J. (Barbara M. Miller)
a son
MILLER, William J. (Caroll Detweiler)
a son
WEAVER, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J.
a son
WENGERD, Noah N. (Lizzie Ann Miller)
a son PAUL
YODER, Pre. Eli S. (Katie Miller)
a daughter DOROTHY, December 31
YODER, Larry O. (Betty Stutzman)
a son
YODER, Lester L. (Hostetler)
a son

Ashland County, Ohio

MAST, Levi (Alma Schmucker) Ashland R1
a son ERVIN, January 16
MILLER, Adam (Lizzie Miller) Greenwich R2
a son SAMUEL, January 22
MILLER, Sam C. (Katie Troyer) Shiloh R1
a daughter MATTIE, December 1
RABER, Jonas (Edna Gingerich) Ashland R1
a daughter LYDIA, December 13
SCHWARTZ, Noah (Mattie Raber) Wells Rd., Ashland
a daughter ELIZABETH, December 19

Bronson, Michigan

MILLER, Sam D. (Mary Hershberger) Bronson R1
a son JOSEPH, January 17

Centreville, Michigan

HOCHSTETLER, Malvin (Orpha Bontrager) Sturgis R1
a daughter MARY ELLEN, December 16
HOCHSTETLER, Ora (Barbara Yoder) Centreville R1
a son FREEMAN, December 3
MILLER, Amos (Lydia Bontrager) Centreville R1
a daughter MARTHA, January 16
SCHLABACH, Ervin (Mary Hershberger) Burr Oak R1
a daughter on January 3

Allen County, Indiana

LENGACHER, Paul (Fannie Wittmer) Grabill R1
a daughter ROSA, January 29
SCHMUCKER, David (Emma Schwartz) Grabill
a daughter on January 29
SCHMUCKER, Pete (Kanoshia Schmucker) Spencerville
a son AARON, January 7
SCHWARTZ, David (Barbara Eicher) Grabill
a son on January

BIRTHS, Continued

Wayne and Holmes Counties, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Enos D. (Fannie E. Hershberger) Dundee R1, a son DANNIE, December 22
HERSHBERGER, Jonas Jr. (Naomi Schlabach) a son, January 11
HERSHBERGER, Levi A. (Erma Yoder) Sugarcreek a son JOHN, January 10
HERSHBERGER, Robert (Iva Miller) Dundee R2 a daughter BETTY JANE, January 26
HOCHSTETLER, Raymond E. (Susie Miller) Fredericksburg R1, a daughter EDNA, January 2
KAUFMAN, Firmen N. (Louella Borntrager) a daughter LEAH, January 21
KEIM, Aden (Malinda Miller) Dundee R1 a son DANIEL, December 25
MAST, Willis N. (Mattie Yoder) Sugarcreek a daughter LIZZIE MAE, January 11
MILLER, Andy M. (Amanda Troyer) Fredericksburg a daughter MARY, January 5
MILLER, David D. (Mattie Miller) Baltic a son ROBERT, January 13
MILLER, Emanuel (Katie E. Hershberger) Dundee R1 a daughter LIZZIE, December 25
MILLER, Ivan H. (Esther Miller) Millersburg R5 a daughter MARILYN, December 30
MILLER, Joe A. (Ella Troyer) Apple Creek R2 a son DAVID, January 24
MILLER, Junior M. (Twila Kaufman) a daughter JUDY MAE, January 15
MILLER, Mose A. (Edna Hershberger) Trail a daughter ESTA, January 4
MILLER, Roy H. (Sarah Stutzman) Big Prairie R1 a son MELVIN, December 30
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne M., Millersburg R2 a daughter ROSANNA, December 31
MILLER, Yost H. (Mary Raber) Big Prairie R1 a son ROY, January 9
RABER, Pre. and Mrs. Albert A. Jr., Baltic R1 a daughter ALMA, January 13
RABER, Andy M. (Elise M. Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a som MICHAEL, January 16
RABER, Dan A. S. (Sarah Miller) Millersburg R3 a son FLOYD, January 2
RABER, Emanuel J. (Iva Wengerd) Baltic a son, January 4
RABER, Sylvanus (Fannie Miller) Baltic R1 a son HENRY, January 17
SCHLABACH, Eli L. (Lydia Hostetler) Millersburg Star Route, a son WESLEY, January 4
SCHLABACH, John Daniel (Susan Yoder) Dundee R1 a son JACOB, December 23
SHETLER, Milton V. (Mary Mast) Millersburg R5 a son DANIEL, December 27
WEAVER, Nelson B. (Fannie Troyer) Dundee R2 a daughter SUSAN, January 8
WEAVER, Paul E. (Rebecca Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a son DANIEL, January 10
YODER, Abe Jr. (Anna Miller) Millersburg R4 a son DWAINE, January 3
YODER, Albert (Anna Weaver) Orrville R3 twin sons, ERVIN & MERVIN, January 10
YODER, Dan O. (Iva Miller) Wilmot R1 a daughter LISA, January 13
YODER, David R. (Elizabeth Mast) Orrville R3 a son ROBERT, Dec. 2, Wt., 3 lb., 12 oz.
YODER, Henry J. (Denah Stutzman) Millersburg R3 a son EMANUEL, January 9
YODER, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J., Dundee R1 a son
YODER, Jonas J. (Mabel Miller) Baltic R1 a son PAUL, January 9
YODER, Roman J. (Sara Ann Miller) Big Prairie R1 a daughter ESTHER, December 23

Adams County, Indiana

EICHER, Clarence (Salome Wickey) Monroe R1 a daughter ESTHER, January 4
GIROD, Levi J. (Rosie N. Schwartz) Monroe R1 a daughter MARY, January 29
HILTY, Joe S. (Leah N. Schwartz) Geneva R2 a son SAMUEL, January 17
LAMBRIGHT, Alvin (Emma Wickey) Monroe R1 a son AMOS, January 25
NEUENSCHWANDER, Christ J. (Anna Schwartz) Berne R1, a daughter SUSAN, January 20
SCHWARTZ, Carl N. (Emma Wickey) Monroe R1 a daughter JAALA, January 2
SCHWARTZ, Dan H. (Leah Wickey) Bryant R1 a daughter LEAH, January 30
SCHWARTZ, John I. (Susie Schmucker) Geneva R2 a daughter LEAH, December 31
SCHWARTZ, John K. (Anna A. Hilty) Monroe R1 a daughter MARIANNA, January 16

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Henry (Vera Wagler) a son DAVID, January 19
GRABER, LaVerne (Ruth Graber) a son NORMAN, January 9
KNEPP, Willis (Nora Graber) a daughter WILMA JEAN, January 6
WAGLER, Enos (Viola Graber) a son ELAM, January
WAGLER, Leonard (Alta Knepp) a son FRED, January 26
WITTMER, Richard (Lydiann Kemp) a son FRED, January 16

Elkhart County, Indiana

MILLER, Edward (Velda Bontrager) Goshen R1 a son JAY DEE, January 15
MILLER, Levi R. (Malinda Miller) Goshen R1 a son, January 27
MILLER, Melvin R. (Esther Yoder) Middlebury R1 a daughter BARBARA DIANE, December 29
MILLER, Roy W. (Wilma Bontrager) Middlebury R2 a son, December 30
SCHROCK, Alvin (Ruby Yoder) Middlebury R2 a daughter SUE MARIE, January 16
YODER, William (Lizzie Miller) Goshen R1 a son LYLE DEAN, January 8

LaGrange County, Indiana
CHUPP, Vernon R. (Mattie Bontrager) Shipshewana R2
a son RUDY V., December 31
FREY, Melvin (Edna Raber) Topeka R1
a daughter LENA, December 28
FRY, David (Mattie Yoder) Topeka R2
a son HARVEY D., January 13
GINGERICH, Alvin R. (Edna Hochstedler) Shipshewana R2, a daughter MARTHA SUE, January 11
HOCHSTEDLER, Harvey C. (Lizzie M. Bontrager)
LaGrange R4, a son FREEMAN, December 26
MILLER, Andrew S. (Barbara Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter KATIE MARIE, January 5
MILLER, Andrew U. (Dorothy Bontrager) Topeka R2
a daughter ROSA A., January 3
MILLER, Ervin Jr. (Mabel Bontrager) Topeka R2
a daughter RUTH ANN, January 1
MILLER, Howard L. (Esther Weaver) Ligonier R3
a daughter PAULINE, December 26
MILLER, Ora N. (Orpha Yoder) LaGrange R4
a daughter LORRIE, January 1
MILLER, Wilbur C. (Mattie Marie Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter LeANNA, December 25
TROYER, Joe (Mattie Yoder) LaGrange R1
a son ALVIN, December 28
YODER, Harley E. (Anna Mae Chupp) Millersburg R1
a son KENNETH LEE, December 26
YODER, Melvin W. (Polly Anne Mullet) LaGrange R1
a daughter LORENE M., January 12

Milroy, Indiana
STUTZMAN, Junior E. (Mary Yoder)
a daughter KAREN, January 27
WAGLER, Alva and Fannie
a son, January 28

Kokomo, Indiana
OTTO, Elmer H. (Treva Anderson) Kokomo R4
a daughter WANDA SUE, January 17
YODER, Ezra A. (Ella Gingerich) Amboy R1
a son JOHN ANDREW, January 3

Arthur, Illinois
GINGERICH, Seranus (Carolan Miller)
a son ELI EUGENE, January 9
MILLER, Elmer (Katie Marie Yoder)
a daughter LEE ANN, January 16
MILLER, Gary (Verna Mast)
a son HAROLD EUGENE, January 11
MILLER, Marvin (Mary Graber)
a son, January 26
MILLER, Menno (Lorene Plank)
a son

Trenton, Kentucky
BONTRAGER, Truman J. (Susan Yoder) Trenton R1
a son HARLEN, January 16
SCHMUCKER, Dan M. (Esther Yoder) Adams, Tenn.
a son MARTIN LEE, January 27
WEAVER, Reuben S. (Edna Byler) Trenton R2
a son BENJAMIN, January 12

Marshfield, Missouri
BYLER, Jacob (Mary Yoder)
a son PETER, January 2

Anabel, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Neal, Jr. (Lydia Hochstetler)
a daughter IDA, January 22

Jamesport, Missouri
KAUFFMAN, Neal L. (Wilma Bontrager)
a son LEWIS, January 30
YUTZY, Fred W. (Sara Ann Schrock)
a son ROBERT, January 11

Pike County, Missouri
BURKHOLDER, Mosie (Tena Eicher) Curryville
a daughter AMANDA, January 15
WAGLER, Jesse (Barbara Schrock) Bowling Green
a son EZRA, January 9
WHETSTONE, Sam (Josephine Eicher) Curryville
a daughter BARBARA, January 16

Audrain County, Missouri
MILLER, Allen (Barbara Bontrager) Clark
a son ELI, January 15

Buchanan County, Iowa
BONTRAGER, Joe J. (Anna Raber) Hazleton
a daughter LUCY, January 9
SHETLER, Ivan (Mary Yutzy) Hazleton
a daughter DOROTHY, January 9
STUTZMAN, Perry E. (Mary Hershberger) Fairbank
a son FREDDIE, January 9

Johnson County, Iowa
BENDER, Bishop and Mrs. Glen
a son MARCUS, January 29

Vernon County, Wisconsin
BONTRAGER, Joe E. (Magdalena Schmucker)
a daughter MARY, December 31
HERSHBERGER, Melvin . (Martha Byler)
a son AARON, January 12
MILLER, Monroe A. (Malinda Slabaugh)
a daughter MARTHA, January 16

Amherst, Wisconsin
BORNTREGER, Enos (Katie Miller)
a son PERRY, January 6

Medford, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Clarence (Fannie Mast)
a daughter MARIE, January 20
BORNTRAGER, David T. (Susie Mast)
a son JACOB, January 22
LEE, Jacob (Fannie Mast)
a son SAMUEL, January 15
YODER, Floyd (Barbara Stutzman)
a son HARLEY, January 4

Wadena, Minnosota
YODER, William and Mattie
a daughter LAURA, January 2

Milverton, Ontario
ALBRECHT, Reuben (Matilda Kuepfer) Millbank R1
a daughter, January 29

Lakeside, Ontario, Canada
COBLENTZ, John Henry (Anna Coblentz) Lakeside R1
a daughter LAURA, December 29

BIRTHS, Continued

Norwich, Ontario, Canada
MILLER, Albert L. (Ella Stutzman)
a son REUBEN, January 11
MILLER, Andrew L. (Rebecca Hershberger)
a son DAVID, January 13
MILLER, Levi L.. (Elizabeth Shetler)
a daughter ELLA, January 15

Der Herr ist
mein Hirte,
Ps. 23:1

BAPTISMS

Indiana County, Pennsylvania
Ambrose District
Jan. 13, by Bishop Enos Fisher
Martha, daughter of Rube and Maryann D. Byler

Wayne County, Ohio
Jan. 13, by Isaac I. Miller
Robert, son of Crist D. and Verna (Keim) Yoder
Rachel, dau. of Demas D. and Clara (Beachy) Mast

OBITUARIES

BONTRAGER, Uriah M., 66, Goshen R4, Ind.

died Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 9:45 a.m. at his home. He had been seriously ill since September. Born April 23, 1907, he was married to Esther J. Bender Feb. 14, 1935 and had three sons, Orval and Orus Bontrager, both of Goshen and Oren Bontrager, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Chester (Treva) Miller of Millersburg and Mrs. Amos (Katie) Whetstone of Goshen; 20 grandchildren; three brothers, Emanuel of Topeka, Noah of Middlebury, and Manasses of Goshen; three sisters, Mrs. Peter Borkholder and Mrs. Tobias Borkholder, both of Nappanee and Mrs. Simon Schmucker of LaGrange.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 1 by Bishop Perry Nisley and Pre. Roman Yoder. Burial was in the Clinton Union Cemetery.

LANTZ, Aaron L., 55, Strasburg R1, Pa.

died Saturday, Jan. 12, in his home. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Lancaster County, he was a son of the late Benjamin L. and Mary B. Lantz. He is survived by his wife, Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lantz, and the following sons and daughters: Bennie S. Lantz, Strasburg R1; Rachel, wife of Christ King, Ronks R1; Mary, wife of Daniel K. Lapp, Quarryville R1; Barbara S. Lantz and Aquilla S. Lantz, both at home; David S. Lantz, Lancaster, and Nancy, wife of Christ K. Beiler, Gordonville. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren; two brothers, John L. Lantz and Jonathan Lantz, both of Lebanon R2; and a sister, Fannie, wife of Aaron King, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held by Christ Fisher and John Stoltzfus; hymn read by Bennie Lantz; burial in Beiler's Cemetery.

MILLER, Emma Irene, 22, Holladay, Tenn.

died Monday, Jan. 2, at her home. She was retarded and also an epileptic, but was not sick, and peacefully passed away in her sleep. She was born May 11, 1951 to Dan E. and Amanda (Mast) Miller, who survive. Also surviving are seven sisters and three brothers, Laura Bender of Big Sandy, Tenn., Mrs. Gene (Barbara) Reynolds, Gertie and Dannie of Holladay, Amanda, Mahlon, Mary, Kathy, Allen, and Dorothy of the home; grandparents, Mahlon and Gertie Mast of Holladay, Tenn. and Mrs. Mary (John) Miller of Middlefield, Ohio; two nephews, two nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. She will be greatly missed in the home and community.

Funeral services were conducted by Willis Hochstetler, and Sam Weaver of Trenton, Ky.; scripture by Herman Schmucker, also of Trenton; burial in the Palestine Cemetery.

MILLER, Joe A. L., 64, Utica, Ohio

passed away very suddenly Jan. 21st of a heart attack at the age of 64 yr., 10 mo., 25 days. He was married Nov. 20, 1930 to Minnie C. Troyer, who survives. They lived together 44 yr., 2 mo., 1 day. Also surviving are two daughters, Lydian at home and Rosa, wife of Ora Lee Miller; two brothers, Andy of Delaware and Sam of Virginia; five sisters, Mrs. Lydia Bontrager of Indiana, Mrs. Gertie Byer and Mrs. Cassie Miller of Delaware, and Mrs. Rosa Miller and Mrs. Lizzie Mast of Ohio. He was preceded in death by two sons, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held Thurs. Jan. 24 at the Eli Miller home. The body was taken to Indiana right after the services. Services were held the next day at Mahlon Hershbergers; burial was at Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Martha J., 86, Topeka R2, Indiana

died Friday, Jan. 18, at her home. She had been ill since October. She was born Nov. 21, 1887, the daughter of John D. and Sarah Schrock. She was married in LaGrange County Dec. 17, 1905, to John S. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are eight daughters, Mrs. Manas (Elizabeth) Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mrs. Dan C. (Lena) Borntrager and Mrs. Amos (Mary) Schlabach, both of Topeka, Mrs. Perry (Sarah) Yoder of White Pigeon, Mich., Mrs. Andrew (Clara) Yoder and Mrs. Sam (Katie) Borntrager, both of LaGrange, Mrs. Amos (Edna) Yoder of Kenton, Ohio, and Mrs. Wilson (Mattie) Swartz of Kalona, Iowa; two sons, Ervin J. and John S. Jr., both of Topeka; two sisters, Mrs. Dan (Mary) Frey of Topeka and Moda Miller of Goshen; two brothers, Ervin Miller of Topeka and Edward Miller of Goshen; 78 grandchildren, 213 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the home of her son, John S. Jr. by Bishop Amos N. Miller and Bishop Freeman R. Miller. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery in Clearspring Township.

SCHWARTZ, Christian I., 30, Geneva R2, Indiana

died at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, after an illness of two weeks. He suffered a massive stroke and his condition became serious Friday when he was taken to the hospital. He was afflicted with muscular dystrophy for many years and was confined to a wheelchair. He was a sign painter and did some fine work. He was the son of Daniel C. and Mary (Wickey) Schwartz and was born May 2, 1943. He was not married. Surviving are the parents and the following brothers and sisters, Jacob I., Dan I., and John I. of Geneva R2, David I., Mrs. Sam E. (Mary) Wickey, and Mrs. Levi (Elizabeth) Wickey, of Berne R2, Leah I., Frances I., and Rebecca I., all at home. A sister, Anna, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents on Jan. 15. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Mrs. Emma, 52, New Haven, Indiana

died Thursday, Jan. 24, after being bedfast for three weeks with cancer. In February it will be two years she had her first operation. She also had 3 tumors on the brain. She was a daughter of the late Daniel and Barbara (Lengacher) Graber. Surviving are her husband, Christ; six children, Barbara, wife of Jonas Schmucker, New Haven R1, Verna, wife of Robert Graber, Grabill R1, Daniel and Christ Jr., both of Goshen, Ind., Anna, wife of Eli Lengacher, Grabill, and Amos, at home; three brothers, Menno and David of Grabill, and Daniel of New Haven R1; five sisters, Maggie, wife of Henry Eicher, Camden, Mich., Barbara, wife of Daniel Eicher and Leah, wife of David Miller and Martha, wife of Henry Schwartz, all of Grabill, and Anna, wife of Sam Lengacher of New Haven R1.

Funeral services in the house were held by Pre. Noah Graber and in another building by Bishop Noah Eicher.

SMOKER, Naomi B., age 4, Gordonville R1, Pa.

daughter of Jonas F. and Lydia (Beiler) Smoker, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 8, at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. She died of pneumonia but also had an absess in her head from having been kicked by a mule last June. She was born July 17, 1969 and died at the age of 4 yr., 5 mo., 22 days. Surviving are her parents and four brothers, Benuel 12, Mervin 10, Jonas 8, and Elmer 2; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah B. Smoker, Gordonville R1; maternal grandparents, Jonas and Katie Beiler, Ronks R1; and maternal great-grandfather, Benjamin S. Lapp, Leola.

Funeral services were held by Benjamin F. Beiler and Jonas Esh; hymn "Gott lob die stund ist kommen" by Jonas King; hymn at graveyard "Ich war ein kleines Kindlein" by John Beiler; abschied by Jonas King; burial at Gordonville Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Mary S., 45, Honey Brook R1, Pa.

wife of Benjamin M. Stoltzfus, died Monday morning, Jan. 7, in Lancaster General Hospital where she was admitted Friday. Born in Caernarvon Twp., she was the daughter of Levi E. and Susie Stoltzfus. She is survived by her husband, parents, and three children, Levi S., Honey Brook R1, Jonas B., at home, and Lena, wife of Samuel Yoder, Mifflinburg R1; a brother, Daniel S. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; six sisters, Mattie, wife of Samuel K. King, Ronks R1, Priscilla, wife of Benjamin Z. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, Susie, wife of Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Katie, wife of Benuel King, Miriam, wife of John E. King, all of Honey Brook R2, and Rebecca, wife of Samuel Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Stoltzfus Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Paul B., age 3, Narvon R1, Pa.

died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at his home. Born in Ephrata, he was the son of Jonas B. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus. Surviving in addition to his parents are a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; and these brothers, all at home: David K., Daniel M., Amos M., Jay Ivan, John Omar and Jonas B. Stoltzfus Jr.

Funeral services were held by Henry Hershberger and Robert Troyer; hymn read by David E. Stoltzfus. Burial was in Mast's Cemetery.

TROYER, Miriam, age 4, Millersburg R4, Ohio

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Troyer, passed away Dec. 4, 1973. She had been ill since birth.

WEAVER, Mrs. Ben H. (Rachel), 47, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died very unexpectedly at her home Jan. 20. She was born June 18, 1926 to Martin A. and Priscilla (Schlabach) Miller, and was married to Ben H. Weaver Jan. 6, 1949. Surviving are her husband; two sons, Uriah and Emanuel, both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Alvin (Mary) Schlabach of Millersburg R4, Mrs. Joe (Sarah) Yoder of Dundee R1, and Mrs. Eli A. (Esther) Miller of Millersburg R5; two brothers, Uriah M. Miller of Fredericksburg R2, and Dan of Millersburg R5. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and one daughter.

Funeral services were held Jan. 23 at the Uriah M. Miller home by Aden M. Troyer.

WENGERD, David, age 2, Belleville, Pa.

son of Eli and Mary (Zook) Wengerd, was born Jan. 1, 1972, passed away Jan. 16, 1974 (see front page). He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Menno and Mary Zook, Allensville, and Menno Wengerds of Mifflintown, Pa.; four brothers, Menno 15, Joseph 12, Andy 9, Eli 3; five sisters, Lydia 16, Mattie 14, Mary 7, Fannie 6, Lena 4, all at home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 at the home by Daniel L. Peachey and Daniel M. Peachey; burial in the Allensville Cemetery.

WHETSTONE, Mrs. Anna, 63, Geauga County, Ohio

died Jan. 27 at the age of 63 yr., 11 mo., 9 days. She was married to Widower David Hostetler seven years ago. She leaves four sisters and several brothers from Indiana, and one sister from Paraguay.

Funeral services were held by a Bontrager from Anabel, Missouri, and Bishop Elmer A. Miller.

OBITUARIES, Continued

YODER, Jacob Y., 47, Big Prairie R1, Ohio
died at 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31 at Wooster Community Hospital of Leukemia. Born in Wayne Co. June 27, 1926, he was the son of Yost and Lizzie (Nisley) Yoder of Big Prairie R1. His first wife, Sarah Yoder, died March 20, 1972; he was married the second time to Anna, daughter of Joe C. D. Miller of Fredericksburg R2. They were married only four months and one day. He was ordained deacon in October 1969. Surviving are his wife and four sons, Roman, Eli, and Ivan of Big Prairie R1, and Roy of London, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Abe (Lizzie) Miller of Fredericksburg R2, and Clara, of the home; two brothers, Eli of Big Prairie R1 and Harry of Mt. Eaton; one sister, Mrs. John (Clara) Weaver of Big Prairie R1; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3 by Bishop David Raber. Burial was in the Raber Cemetery.

YODER, Milan J., 40, of Apple Creek R2, Ohio
drowned Jan. 28 in a river logging mishap (see front page). He was a son of the late Joas and Elizabeth (Slabach) Yoder, a minister five years and bishop four months. Surviving are his wife, Ruth (Miller) Yoder; five daughters, Betty, Mae, Lori, Susan, and Barbara, two sons, Steven and Andrew, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Sol Miller of Corinth, Ont., Mrs. Abe Weaver of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Jonas Raber of Millersburg, and Mrs. Jonas Coblentz of Apple Creek. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Funeral services were held Feb. 1 at the home and two neighboring houses.

Community Notes – Path Valley, Pennsylvania

Salina, age 3, daughter of Daniel Z. Beilers, fell off a lard can in the kitchen and broke her leg the 17th. The cast is to stay on six weeks. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Suvilla, wife of Pre. John Swarey, is not well, sometimes very low. She had an operation to remove a cancerous tumor from the brain in November after some severe headache spells. She was much better since until about seven weeks ago she started going backwards.

Community Notes – Nappanee, Indiana

Bishop Eli Yoder divided his church district on Jan. 13th, making two districts out of one, as it was too big for their houses, thus making 16 districts for the Nappanee area.

Paul, son of Joe and Anna (Mullet) Miller, who has had Leukemia since early last fall, is again at home from the hospital and seems to be getting along real good. He has received 51 pints of blood in transfusions.

Preacher Andy Miller from Kokomo, Indiana has Glaucoma in his eyes and is not well at present. He and his wife are staying with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Miller, this winter.

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MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Miller – Dan, son of Sam and Dora Mast, to Lizzie Ann, daughter of Andy and Lydia Miller, Jan. 3, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz.

Byler, Miller – Simon, son of Henry and Sarah Byler of Lawrence Co., Pa., to Barbara, daughter of Andy and Katie Miller, Jan. 17, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

King, King – David, son of David and Amanda (Smucker) King, Gordonville R1, to Ruth, daughter of Abram and Esther (Fisher) King, Gordonville R1, Jan. 24, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Byler – Dan, son of John K. and Ella Byler, to Katie, daughter of Jona. C. and Lizzie Byler, Jan. 10, by Bishop Gideon J. Byler.

Byler, Kurtz – Wallie, son of Reuben C. and Lizzie Ann Byler, to Margaret, daughter of Andy E. and Elsie Kurtz, Jan. 24, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler.

Swartzentruber, Byler – Eli, son of Levi E. and Barbara Swartzentruber, to Katie, daughter of Andy J. and Leah Byler, Jan. 31, by Bishop Eli Swartzentruber.

Geauga County, Ohio

Byler, Raber – Widower Dea. Crist Y. Byler to Widow Katie Ann Raber, Jan. 1, by Bishop Melvin M. Miller.

Troyer, Glick – John, son of John M. and Lydia (Mast) Troyer, to Wilma, daughter of Bishop Milo M. and Elva (Mullet) Glick, Jan. 17, by Bishop Milo Glick.

Wengard, Miller – Eli, son of Enos J. Wengards of Atlantic, Pa., to Lydia, daughter of Dan E. and Lydia (Bowman) Miller, Jan. 17.

Kuhns, – Elvin F., son of Freeman M. and Mattie (Weaver) Kuhns, Jan. 31.

Kurtz, Yoder – Daniel W., son of Wallace and Ada M. Yoder, to Katie, daughter of Jake E. Yoders, January 31.

Holmes County, Ohio

Yoder, Yoder – Levi, son of Monroe L. and Susie (Miller) Yoder, to Fannie, daughter of David M. and Mary Ann (Hershberger) Yoder, Jan. 17, by Bishop Dan J. D. Miller.

Wayne County, Ohio

Schlabach, Miller – Dannie, son of Crist Schlabachs, to Katie, daughter of John and Mary Miller, December 4, 1973.

Miller, Wengerd – Ben, son of Andy J. C. and Elizabeth (Troyer) Miller, to Elizabeth, daughter of Widower Valentine Wengerd, December 6, 1973.

Yoder, Mast – Robert, son of Crist D. and Verna (Keim) Yoder, Apple Creek R2, to Rachel, daughter of Demas D. and Clara (Beachy) Mast, Apple Creek R1, Jan. 22.

Schwartz, Miller – Levi, son of Sam and Katie (Wengerd) Schwartz of Michigan, to Sarah, daughter of Andy J. C. and Elizabeth (Troyer) Miller, Fredericksburg R2, Jan. 31.

Ashland, Ohio

Gingerich, Coblentz – Joni, son of Pre. Dan and Polly Gingerich, Ashland R1, to Judy, daughter of Henry M. and Martha Coblentz, Dec. 6, by Bishop Albert Keim.

Gingerich, Miller – Rudy, son of Pre. Dan and Polly Gingerich, to Anna, daughter of Pre. Crist S. and Elizabeth Miller, Ashland R1, Dec. 13, by Bishop Jonas Hershberger.

Raber, Keim – Abe, son of Pre. Henry and Katie Raber, Greenwich R2, to Fannie, daughter of Bishop Albert J. and Katiean Keim, Shiloh R1, Jan. 24.

Allen County, Indiana

Lengacher, Schmucker – LaVerne, son of Amos and Barbara (Delagrange) Lengacher, to Mary, daughter of Joseph and Lorene (Miller) Schmucker, Jan. 31, by Bishop Noah Eicher.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Schrock – Chris J., son of Chris L. and Viola (Miller) Miller, to Wilma, daughter of William and Mary (Weaver) Schrock, in December.

Daviess County, Indiana

Miller, Knepp – Raymond Miller to Clara Knepp, Jan. 13, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp.

Audrain County, Missouri

Borntrager, Petersheim – Emanuel, son of Jerry and Anna Borntrager, to Sarah, daughter of Bishop Benedict and Sarah Petersheim, Jan. 17, by Bishop Benedict L. Petersheim.

Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Byler – Mose, son of Ben and Franny (Burkholder) Byler, to Martha, daughter of Rube and Maryann (Hershberger) Byler, Jan. 24, by Bishop Jake Schlabach.

Arthur, Illinois

Troyer, Otto – Ivan, son of Min. Dan Troyers of Milroy, Ind., to Ruthann N., daughter of Noah and Alfa (Beachey) Otto, Jan. 1.

Medford, Wisconsin

Borntrager, Gingerich – Harvey I., son of Ira A. and Lovina (Miller) Borntrager, to Sylvia, daughter of Chester and Mary (Yoder) Gingerich, Jan. 17.

NOTICE – The February issue of THE DIARY will include a list of telephone numbers from Amish communities to use for conveying messages in times of emergency. The reporters who have not sent in a number shall please send them in with their February report.

Community Note – Clinton County, Pennsylvania

Barbara, daughter of Jacob Eshs, Loganton R2, hurt her hand at a nail. She had Staph infection in it and spent ten days in Lock Haven Hospital.

Community Note – Anabel, Missouri

Mrs. Menno (Mattie) L. Borntrager has had eye failure for quite a few years. On New Year's Day her eyes seemed to fail her more. On Jan. 5 and 6 everything appeared redish to her sight and by noon Jan. 7 she was unable to see anything but a slight shine of a bright light. She is 90 years old and is mostly on a wheel chair, but still cares mostly for herself.

Community Notes – Grey County, Ontario

On Jan. 1st there was a minor car-wagon wreck when a local man drove into the back of a box wagon driven by two of Emery L. Shetler's boys. It was after dark and the wagon was well lighted. The driver of the car just failed to see them in time to stop. No one was hurt and no charges were laid.

Thursday evening, Jan. 24th, there was another mishap which could have been serious. Joe Stutzmans of Desboro were away, on a trip to Ohio, and their children had used the buggy and got the robe wet, so they hung it over a chair close to the stove to dry. It caught fire and at about 11 p.m. one of the children was awakened by the smoke. They quickly threw the remains outside. The biggest loss is the robe and the chair, only slight damage to the floor. The house was pretty well smoked. They were very fortunate to awaken in time before it was too late.

Community Note – Wroxeter, Ontario

In the evening of Jan. 20th Joni Miller came in from chores, slipped in a hole and hurt his leg very badly. He hardly slept that night, then went to the hospital next morning, where they took xrays, which showed no broken bones, but very badly bruised on the inside, and sprained.

MIGRATION – Sam F. Swareys and family of eight Children, all single, moved from Juniata Co. to Rebersburg, Centre County, Pa., Jan. 25th.

Migration – Ashland, Ohio

Elmer Brennemans and three children and the former's brother Paul have moved from Ashland, Ohio to a new settlement in Fredericktown, Ohio on Jan. 8th and continue farming. Paul will work at his sawmill. They are the third family there.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
First Q. 1-31	Full M. 8th	1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	Last Q. 15th	New M. 23rd

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Guaimaca, Honduras, by Joseph Stoll

Our rainiest season unually ends in October or early November, after which the rains taper off gradually until about January, and from then on there is seldom much rain till May. In 1973 the rains stopped sooner than usual. We had 1.1 inch in November, and only a few light showers in December. This will mean a long hard dry season, except where water is available for irrigation. There are a few nice potato fields in the community, and these are now being irrigated. The seed potatoes were shipped in from Holland.

Pinecraft, Florida, by Mose B. Miller

We had no rainfall in January up to the 28th, but our January average is about 4 inches. We are having above average temperatures, causing the citrus trees to bloom about three weeks early. But we could have frost yet latter part of February. Celery harvest is in full swing, but growers say it is not moving, maybe somewhat on account of less tourists, but much is shipped out by car too. Tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage, etc. are being harvested, too. Sweet corn and water melons are at the more southern part of the state. Good fishing and sunburn weather.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

Weather for the first half of January was cloudy and wet, very chilly with very little sunshine. The last half was milder with more sunshine, several days real springlike. Total rainfall for the month was 2.8 inches. Temperature was mild, in general, with a low of 24 degrees on the 6th and a high of 72 on the 27th. Wood cutting and manure hauling was the main work of the month. The closing out sale of Daniel B. Mast was well attended on Jan. 5th with high prices.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The New Year started damp and rainy. In January we had 8 days of drizzly, rainy, foggy weather, and at least 10 nice springlike days, including the last 4 or 5 days. Several times temperature was in the 70's, coldest was 20 degrees on the 13th, very little frost and no snow in January. We had little good manure hauling conditions.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The January rainfall was 2.5 inches and 10 inches of snow. The last two weeks of the month we had nice springlike weather.

Market Report: Fat Cattle, choice, $46 to 49.50 Cwt., feeders, $45 to $56 Cwt.; Vealers, prime, $78 to $85 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $42 to 46.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. shoats, 85¢ lb.; Dairy Cows, $450 to $920; Eggs, large, .76 doz., med., .74 doz.; Fowl, light, 12¢ lb.; heavy, 26¢ lb.; Capons, 37¢ lb.; Ducks, 60¢ lb.; Pigeons, 1.30 to 3.00 pair; Potatoes, 8.00 to 9.00 Cwt.; Maine, $10 Cwt.; Ear Corn, $73 Ton, 3.05 Bu.; Wheat, 5.20 Bu.; Oats, 1.75 Bu.; Hay, $35 to $89 Ton; Straw, $42 to $56 Ton; Milk, around 9.00 Cwt.

by Ammon F. Fisher

January started in with damp weather and 35 degree temperature. The first week had four days of icy trees and wires. The 2nd week had snowy, slippery, "Farm Show" weather. The last half of the month was milder. Only three evenings of ice skating so far this winter. The coldest for the month was 10 degrees above zero, the warmest, 75 degrees. Farmers were plowing, and hauling manure, some were even plowing corn stalks.

Bradford County, Pa. by Clemens Nisslay

Weather in January was mild, coldest of the month was zero around the 13th. We had enough snow so the frost didn't go down very deep. The evening of the 17th it started to snow, turning to a freezing rain, leaving us with a thick coat of ice. On the morning of the 21st it was raining, making it very slick. The last week it warmed up and rained, leaving only a little snow in woods, etc. Farmers are hauling and cutting wood. There is some butchering to do yet.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

January 9th brought us five inches of snow, with some freezing rain on top, which made good sledding. The snow was mostly gone by the middle of the month, and we had springlike weather the last 8 or 10 days. Some plowing was done the last week.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

January was a month with pleasant winter weather. We had about one week of very foggy mornings, about 7 inches of snow. Snow and rain totaled about 4.03 inches of precipitation. January 9th we had snow and rain. Schools were closed. It froze over top and the whole country side was glazed till the 16th it got warm, in the forties. The snow melted fast, till Thursday evening most of it was gone except in the shady places which stayed awhile. We had 67 degrees Jan. 27 and 12 above Jan. 14. The last week in January was very springlike. Some farmers were plowing.

Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

We had quite a lot of cloudy weather during the month of January, some rain, snow, and ice. Trees were covered with ice for several days. Weather was mild through the last half of the month. Some farmers began plowing. It is still wet in low spots.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

This has been a mild winter so far, with a few cold snaps. Low temperature for the month was 10 degrees. The ground was covered with a light layer of ice and snow till about Jan. 15th, then we had springlike weather after that, a few days with temperature in the 40 to 60 degree range. Farmers are busy hauling manure, plowing, and shredding fodder.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during January was mostly wet and mild, almost 4 inches of rain fell but very little snow, and some ice. January was mostly an open winter and a lot of plowing was done the last two weeks. We had many warm sunny days with warm winds, temperature got to the low seventies several times. Fruit trees are still dormant and appear not to be hurt, but we need some cold weather yet, or they will but out too early.

We've all been through old 72;
We're already free of 73;
Now what's in store for 74?
Who will be alive through 75?

Snyder Co. (McClure) Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

The beginning of January was rainy and snowy. The 13th was the first time temperature was below zero. It started to warm up the 22nd, then it was sunny and mild the rest of the month. Highest temperature for January was 50 degrees.

Snyder Co. (Mt. Pleasant Mills) Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

Weather for January was warmer than average. We had 6 to 8 inches of snow, some sleet and ice, quite a bit of rain, and much milder toward the last. The morning of the 13th was the coldest, down to 3 degrees above zero.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno S. Beiler

January was a changeable month, with some mornings 20 degrees or below, and by next morning between 40 and 50 degrees. It snowed five days the second week. Coldest temperature was 2 below zero. We also had a lot of ice. Farmers were plowing.

Bennie Stoltzfuses moved into our district on the 30th. We now have 15 families.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

January started in cold and damp. It was close to zero several mornings the first week. We had a few inches of snow several times so that we had 6 or 8 inches on the ground at one time around the middle of the month. Then it warmed up and practically all the snow melted, and we had some very beautiful weather the last week. Farmers were plowing and doing other outside work. We even had a pansy in our flower bed that had a blossom in January! There are a few farm sales, and things sell high. Grade dairy cows sell for $600 to $900 and higher. Horses and mules, $1000 to $1800 per team, the very best teams bringing over $2000. These were unheard of prices just a few years ago.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

The first week of January was cloudy and sprinkly making it very icy. The 8th was cold, 14 degrees, but sunny and beautiful. The 9th we had 4 to 6 in. of snow, then rain and sleet on top, making it real slippery. There was good sledding for the children, which lasted till the 18th. Around the 15th and 16th it got warmer and muddy. The last week of January looked, smelled, and felt like spring. The 25th, 30th, and 31st were beautiful days. It dried off and some farmers were plowing. Tulips are pushing through. Lowest temperature was 6 degrees, highest, in high 60's. On the evening of Jan. 31 the temperature dropped 10 degrees at dusk.

Oakland, Maryland, by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger

Weather for January 1974 was unusual with very little snow, springlike days and also rainy and cloudy days.

Weather for the year of 1973 was about normal, except the year's snowfall came mostly in two snowfalls, 21.8 inches in February and 23.9 inches in December. April was the record breaking month with a rainfall of 8.71 inches. Wettest day of the year was Oct. 29 with 1.75 inches. Highest temperature was 90 degrees Aug. 29, 30, and Sept. 1; lowest was 10 degrees last February 18th.

Somerset County, Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger

January was wonderful nice weatherwise, with only a few cold days, coldest was 6 degrees, but otherwise warm with occasional rains, wonderful plowing weather. A couple farmers have tapped their sugar trees, but it is mostly too warm for a good run. Temperatures ranged from 6 to 60 degrees but mostly in the forties.

Indiana County, Pa., by John W. Miller

The weather in this area was exceptionally warm and rainy for January. The weekend of the 13th the thermometer went down to zero, with about three inches of snow. But by the 16th the snow was all gone and we had no snow the rest of the month. Jan. 31st we had awful high winds, but not much damage. Beef prices seem to be going up, but hogs and calves seem about steady at local auctions. Gas and fertilizer prices seem to be going higher. Reports are materials are scarce.

Lawrence County, Pa., by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

The first two weeks of January were mostly below freezing, and the last half above freezing with lots of mud and no snow. Some days up to 50°. Beef has gone up to 41¢ at auctions, eggs 63¢. Lots of sore throat, also a report of whooping cough. Some fellows are plowing already.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

January was rather mild with two cold snaps, which only lasted a few days, the 5th and 13th it was 2 above zero but soon warmed up. We had a little snow the fore part of the month and a heavy snow the 10th of about 10 inches. Other morning temperatures were mostly in the 30's and 40's. The 18th it started raining which took most of the snow. We didn't have any snow the rest of the month. Total rainfall was about 3 inches. Some farmers have started to plow which is unusual for January. The Easter lillies are peeping through the ground.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno E. Fisher

We had mild weather most of January. The temperature was down to zero several mornings the beginning of the month. We had a snowstorm Jan. 12, roads were mostly open all day. It was unusually warm the latter part of the month, with quite a few rainy, cloudy, and drizzly days. The ground was open to plow at times.

Warren County, Pa., by Joe A. Byler

The first few days of January we had some snow and cold, on the 13th it was around zero, then it warmed up and rained some, with no more snow till the 31st. The last week was nice and sunny. Some plowing was done and also some early birds have tapped their maple trees, although it's a bit early yet.

Conewango Valley, N. Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

We finally had a spell of winter, with snow and cold, some places zero, but mostly around 20. Till last of January it was all gone. The night of the 26th we had high winds which damaged some roofs and blew in windows breaking them. We had a few days which reminded one of Indian Summer.

Stark County,(Hartville), Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

Weatherwise we had a nice January. We had only one snowstorm and very little zero weather. There was a little plowing done by some farmers. There seems to be no frost in the ground. There was a dairy farm sale a few miles from our place that went over eighty thousand dollars, the high cow bringing over one thousand dollars, with such an enormous crowd of people. It seems the price of cattle and hogs is on the upgrade again.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The first 13 days of January were not unlike other Januaries, with temperature varying from freezing to 4 below zero, and at one time 12 inches of snow. The other 18 days ranged from 20 degrees to 60, with many days of sunshine and shirtsleeve weather, and from 2 to 3 inches of rainfall. It was ideal weather for mason work and roofing, etc., but not so good for hauling manure, wood cutting, etc., also easy on the energy crisis.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

We had mild winter weather so far, the temperature through here was not any lower than 3 degrees above, ranged between 3 and 52 degrees, had a few days of nice blankets of snow and some ice, quite a bit of cloudiness and rain, a few sunshiny days. Not too far from here they had below zero. The ground is full of water, sure peps up the springs.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

We had some winter weather in January, with snow and ice, but did not last very long. We had lots of rain and also high water the week of the 13th. We had some high wind and storm damage Jan. 26, nice weather after that. Farmers are plowing. A red headed woodpecker was here around the buildings on Tuesday.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

The month of January started with occasional cold snaps, with around zero being the coldest, had some ice and snow, followed by rainy and cloudy days, ending up with sunshine and springlike weather. We had some storms in January that caused some roof damage.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

December was unusually mild, with a low temperature of 12 on the 11th, before we left for Florida. It hit zero one morning later in December. First two mornings we were in Florida it was 34 and 30, the end of a cold snap, after that it was around 60 every morning and around 80 in the p.m. It didn't rain while we were in Florida three weeks.

January was also very mild, average morning temperature for the last two weeks of January, since we're home, is 33, with a low of 24. The temperature is mild, but the trucking, and time change, etc. isn't so mild, according to the papers.

Ashtabula Co. (Orwell), Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

First part of the month was real winter weather with quite a bit of snow, temperature below 30 most of the time. Around the middle of the month it started warming up and was between 30 and 45 after that, even had a couple days with the temperature at 50. The last Saturday might in the month it was real windy all night and blew an elevator down at the writers'.

Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

January started in with zero weather. It was 4 below on the 2nd when Perry J. Keims had a barn raising to replace the one that burned down on Thanksgiving Day. But it warmed up soon afterwards and was exceptionally warm the rest of the month, highest temperature being in the sixties. Quite a bit of plowing was done lately.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

For the month of January we had cold weather, zero temperature the first two weeks, with snow and ice, lots of skating and sledding. The last two weeks were warmer with quite a bit of rain and cloudy days, had some springlike weather the last couple days in January. A lot of butchering was done.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

We had a lot of rain for the month of January, nice winter weather the last couple of weeks. The price of grain is very high right now; Beans, 6.11; Wheat, 6.20; Corn, 2.80; Oats, 1.54.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

The month of January seemed to be about normal. We have about 8 inches of snow at the present time. There is also a lot of ice around. The children have been skating the last while, too.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

First part of the month was quite cold with lots of snow. The last two weeks the temperature stood around 30 to 40 degrees, with extended rains. The frost is out of the ground. Fertilizer is over a hundred dollars a ton, and very scarce. I saw some red clover and alfalfa seed priced at a hundred dollars a bushel, and also claiming to be scarce.

Centreville, Michigan, by Tobe Leroy Yoder

The first week of January was nice, but cold. The second week was warmer and much snow melted. The third week had more snow and the week of the 20th we had rain. It was nice the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, then the 26th we had high winds. Sunday was nice but Monday it snowed about 4 inches, but it all melted by the 31st. The 31st in the morning it was in the 40's, at 3 p.m. it was 28 with high winds.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

After 14 days of extremely cold weather nature did an about face and the last 17 days were above normal. High for the month was 56 on the 27th; low, 3 on the 13th; rainfall, 3.94; snowfall amounted up to 10 inches. We had 4 clear days, 14 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy, and 7 rainy days.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

January brought us mostly cloudy days. The low for the month was zero on the 1st and 2nd, with a high of 60 on the 18th. Quite a lot of mud to wade with the ground never frozen much. I plowed on the last day of the month. Wheat looks nice and green, also the grass since the snow left three weeks ago. We had about a week of ice from Jan. 8th to 14th, could skate on the roads. There was no school the 11th and 14th. It was a windy month, too.

Allen County, Ind., by Mrs. John Schmucker

January came in cold, and with quite a lot of snow. Lowest was zero, and highest in the 40's. We had several foggy days, and high winds with thunder and lightning on the 26th.

Elkhart County, Ind., by Sam K. Stoltzfus

New Year brought us zero weather with a high wind. Temperatures stayed between zero and 20 degrees for the next week, with snow on the ground yet. On Jan. 8 it snowed 6 inches and the rest of the week found a clean blanket of snow on ground each morning. On the 15th and 16th weather was beautiful and sunny, 40 degrees, beginning of the January thaw. The rest of that week was foggy and rainy. On the 22nd an all day rain, springlike weather on the 25th, but winter returned again on the 28th with 3 - 4 inches of snow. Seems cattle prices are high along with the grain. Hogs $42 - $43, cattle $45 - $50, hay $60.00 - $70.00 a ton, ear corn $2.50 bushel, soybeans $5.70 bushel.

LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash

New Year's Day, 1974 was a near zero morning clear with beautiful sunshine. Also some wind, as were the next few days. It was somewhat warmer by the 5th, and then we had more snow. On the 8th was a full moon, and we had beautiful moonlit snowdrifts. We had some sub-zero weather, the coldest 5 below. We had snow until the 15th, then rain and more rain. Snow is about all gone. The last few days were clear bright and somewhat springlike. Some work is almost at a standstill, and a large group are "laid off". However, with few exceptions and some mumps, people are feeling well.

Nappanee, Ind., by Mrs. Alvin E. Burkholder

The month of January greeted us with a variety of weather. The first half of the month provided most people with the job of shoveling snow every 3 or 4 days. We seemed to get enough to close up walks and driveways again. Besides that, cold temperatures down to zero prevailed most of the time. Then came our January thaw with mostly cloudy, foggy days, also plenty of rainfall. Many people had water in their basements. Every now and then came a day of bright blue sky and much appreciated sunshine; which made people think of the new seed catalogs. Not much skating this month. Butchering is about over with. Men folks are busy attending sales, etc. Women folks keep the home fires burning, the mittens dry, and the sewing machines humming!

By Joni D. Gingerich

The first half of January was cold, with quite a bit of zero weather .However, it was nice, no stormy days. The lowest temperature reading was 5 below. On the 14th it went up to 34, the first time it was above freezing for the month. On the 20th we had a heavy fog that lasted from early morning till about 9 P.M. with 50 degree temperature and a slow drizzle of rain that melted our 6 inch crust of snow and ice we had left over from December. This caused a lot of surplus water and many flooded basements. The rest of the month we had lots of fog, also days of nice sunshine. The temperature for the last half of Jan. ranged from 20 to 51 degrees and rather damp. A statement in the paper made by the Goshen weather station reads : So far the accumulation of snow for this area has been around 30 inches. Normal for Nov., Dec., and Jan. is about 14 inches.

Kokomo, Ind., by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

The first nine days of January were cold with below zero every morning but one. The coldest was 9 below. Also lots of snow on the ground, some of it being new on top of the December snows. After the cold snap it moderated and had lots of rain, and with snow melting it caused creeks to overflow. We also had quite a bit of foggy weather. A few spring like days the last weeks. Temperatures around 50 the last days of the month, windy, and sunny. First robin was seen Jan. 29. Lots of butchering being done. Fat hogs were 42¢ over a week ago.

Daviess County, Ind., by Lester Marner

January was cold at the beginning, with zero on the 1st, and a week of ice over the 13th. The latter part was warm, sunny, and beautiful weather.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

The weather for January has been unusual. After our icy spell of ten days, it has moderated to springtime temperatures, with considerable rain; also some very nice sunny days with temperature in high seventies. Wheat turned a dark green and is growing, also trees pushing buds. Beans are $6.25, corn $2.95.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

It was not so cold in January but we had lots of rain, with a severe ice storm the first part of the month. Power lines were down which caused a lot of people to be without heat, and those with dairies had to get generators or milk by hand. We had some nice sunny days, too, with temperatures in the 50's and 60's, even a few days in the 70's. It's hard to realize such warm weather in January after what we were used to having in Indiana. On February 1st I saw a man plowing corn stalks.

Holladay, Tenn., by Mrs. Joseph Coblentz

On the morning of Jan. 3, we woke up to the worst ice storm this area had for 40 years. Trees, power lines, telephone lines were so heavy with ice they broke down. All that day trees could be heard breaking down all around us. Pine woods are mostly ruined as trees didn't straighten up and they look pitiful. What great power we have over us ! One that no man can control. Power was off for around a week and telephones from 2 to 3 weeks. Many people (non-Amish) were unable to cook, and heat their homes, so had to seek shelter elsewhere. Now for the last half of the month we have had unusually mild weather with temperatures up to the high sixties. Trees and shrubs are pushing leaves and flower buds. If it keeps on like this, there will be a lot of fruit trees apt to freeze yet. We have had a lot of rain this month During the ice storm and right after, we had eleven days straight that the sun didn't shine once. Ear corn has gone from $2 to $3 a bushel. Market prices for beef are down from what they were in the fall, but hog prices stay about the same.

Reno County, Kansas, by H. E. Bontrager

We are having real winter weather, plenty of snow about 6 in. Coldest was 10 below. People are cutting firewood. They are starting to burn wood on account of gas and fuel shortage. Last August we filled our propane tank, it was 15¢ a gallon, now we filled it up in December and it was much higher, 29¢ a gal. We had a good wheat crop and maize was a fair crop, also a fair crop of alfalfa hay. Some made four cuttings of hay. The way it looks it will take a lot of hay, no wheat pasture.

By Edward Mast

The first two weeks of January were extra cold, with quite a bit of sub-zero temperature and about 8 to 10 inches of snow. The second part flipped and was about that nice with a lot of sunny days and above freezing temperatures. Wheat pasture is very scarce, some due to soft ground, but mostly because the wheat was planted too late.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

The first half of January was extremely cold for this area. Temperature for a two week average was approximately 3 above zero. The last half of the month was milder. The ground has been muddy due to plenty of moisture for this time of the year. The wheat doesn't have much growth due to late sowings and wet weather has been hard on it.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

Cold weather prevailed the first two weeks, but we have had some real nice weather since. We have had very ample moisture, which somewhat hindered early plowing. It has dried off nicely, and spring work started in earnest the last week. Corn sold for $2.80 a bushel in Springfield last week, was hard even to get some several times. Hog and milk prices are steady. Beef calves are somewhat lower, small dairy calves only bring $45 to $50; a year ago they sold for $70 to $80 a piece.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Temperature was below freezing the first two weeks of January, the coldest morning being 18 below zero, also had 8 to 10 inches snow before it turned so cold, so the ground didn't freeze very deep. The 17th was very foggy all day. The 26th it rained all day. We also had some nice warm days, the warmest being 58 degrees the 30th, snow is all gone.

Audrain County, Mo., by Samuel D. Beachy

First half of the month was cold with more than normal snow on the ground. After the 14th it warmed up, leaving plenty of mud, and it had rained every so often. Manure piles up in the barns due to soft fields. Some cattle and swine have been trapped and some killed from over falling hay and straw stacks.

Anabel, Mo., by Mrs. Abe Y. Bontrager

January came in with frigid weather, 20 degrees below normal temperature. Jan. 8 brought us freezing rain, sleet, and snow. Around 15 inches of snow fell from Jan. 9 to 16, with more sleet and rain, followed by very heavy fogs and warmer weather. Our high for the month was 50 and our low was 24 below zero.

Pike County, Mo., by George Yoder

The New Year started in cold and snowy, and later more snow fell which lasted about two weeks. We had rain and a good January thaw since. The ground wasn't frozen under the snow, so soon the fields were soft and yards muddy.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

January was a quiet month with no storms. We had 11 zero mornings with New Year coming in with 24 below zero. The coldest was 28 below. The first half was cold, last half mild, foggy, and damp. We had light rains on the 20 and 26. On the 31 it turned cold, hit the zero mark, but nice and sunny.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather has moderated considerable since Jan. 14, so the snow is mostly gone again, but if as usual we will soon have another fresh coat. So far we didn't have any big snows or drifts, but many light snows. It sounds like another cold wave coming, as temp. is at 12 this morning (Jan. 31) with a brisk N. W. wind.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert Schmucker

In the beginning of January we had a foot or more of snow and down to 26 below, but by the end of the month it went to 54, also had about 4 in. of rain. Corn is $2.80, beans $6.17, milk for 3.7 test is $6.81, plus 25¢ a hundred for 200 lbs. or more a day.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

The 12th of January we had 22 below, but that week we had our January thaw. The main work among the men folks these days is making wood. We have only one church district in this settlement and there are around 24 families.

Wilton, Wis., by Jacob D. Hochstetler

Weather for January was exceptionally nice. The first two weeks were cold; the last half was nice with temperature in the thirties. We had several days with readings high in the forties, one or two days in the 50's. The coldest we had was 20 below on New Year's Day. We had 12 days with zero or below. We had 3 snows and had rain 3 different times, also 5 days of foggy weather.

Amherst, Wis., by Levi J. Bontrager

The first part of January was cold, first 13 days zero and below. Then temperature went up to 10 - 30 a few weeks. We had icy roads and yards after a rain on the 20th. On the 30th we had a beautiful ,sunny day; really thawed. By next morning the temperature had dropped to 5 with a cold, north wind.

Blair, Wis., by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

The first part of January we had a cold spell. On New Year's morn we had 29 below zero. It warmed up towards the middle of the month. The latter part of the month was not cold, thawed and was more like spring. We had some fog, rain, and sleet, which left slippery roads. The forepart of the month, sledding was good. Henry J. Yoders bought a farm at Bertha, Minnesota, and moved there on Jan. 15. They are the sixth family from here to move to that area in the last eight months.

Todd County, Minn., by Mrs. William A. Yoder

The weather for this part of Minnesota is as follows: the first ten days of January were 26 degrees below zero and the coldest for the month. The warmest was 40 degrees above. An average of approximately 9 inches of snow fell in January. No snows before January that amounted to anything. Secondary roads are slippery, leaving all blacktop roads clear. $7.70 for milk in cans, eggs are 60¢ a dozen.

Todd County firsts : The first family to move to the Bertha district was Noah P. Borntreger, wife Priscilla and daughter Sylvia of Amherst, Wisconsin, in April, 1973. The first church services were held at the Noah Borntreger residence on Sept. 23, 1973, where William and Elizabeth, son and daughter of Levi A. Yoder were baptized. There are 12 families living in this territory, and the addresses vary; some have Hewitt, some Bertha, and some Verndale. The area is 9 miles long and 4 miles wide. The last family to move in the district was the Henry J. Yoder family of Blair, Wisconsin, on January 15, 1974.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

January came in cold, and stayed cold for two weeks with zero and below zero weather, going up to 10 above zero some days. It warmed up and was real mild with the temperature up to 40. The last day or so of January turned cold again.

Wadena, Minnosota, by William M. Schrock

Our weather first part of January was cold, zero, lowest we had was 30 below. Sometimes just a little below, and nice sunshine. Last part of January was warmer, not much sunshine, but above zero. Just one day that was windy, with a nice snow on the ground, around 10 inches. It was up to 32 above on Jan. 25. Felty Borntrager went to a sale, bought a cow and got it trucked home. She got shipping fever. He lost her, four other cows, and ten calves.

Grey County, Ont., by Noah Stutzman

The new year started off cold. January 7 was stormy all day, followed by clear and zero weather. The latter part of the month instead of our usually cold and snowy weather, we have mild and rainy. On Jan. 20 it rained all day, turning our roads to ice. Mild weather has taken the ice off the roads again. Jan. 27, rainy and high winds. By 8:00 A. M. it turned to snow, but didn't amount to much. Temperature was up to 37 degrees. Snow is all gone except drifts and in the woods. Creeks are high and over the banks by the rain taking the snow, Prices are soaring sky high, with sugar at $26 per hundred. Linseed oil jumped from $3.49 per gal. to $9.95. If prices of farm products would try to compete with these prices we would have to be getting about $1.20 per lb. for hogs "dressed weight", and about $11.50 for milk. Hogs are 52¢ and milk a little over $5 per hundred. Amos J. Gingerich and wife, newly weds, have now moved to this area, and his brother Ura and family now have plans to leave on Feb. 6 for Tennessee to make that their future home.

Norwich, Ont., by Daniel L. Stutzman

The forepart of January was mostly beautiful winter weather with lovely white snow. Coldest was 13 below on Jan. 13, and we had an ice storm on Jan. 20. All this was more than compensated for by the mild weather we have had since. Normal nighttime temperatures are often 20 to 30, and during the day it gets considerably warmer, which creates some January mud. A touch of spring in January greatly shortens the long winter and gets one looking at the seed catalogs.

Tavistock, Ont., by Emanuel Peachey

The first half of January we had our usual winter weather. We had several cold spells, and then again warmer and cloudy with some light snow, but never really amounting to much. On the 20th it rained most of the day and temperatures were low enough to keep it freezing, thus making roads very slippery and dangerous. By late evening it stopped freezing, but the ice didn't really disappear until Monday. The following week the cloudy weather changed for several days, till the 26th it rained heavily in the evening again. Later in the night it ceased, but a very strong wind blew till the next morning. This last week now it is warm. Snow is mostly all gone. Some of the nice days remind one of spring, but we all expect some cold weather yet.

Einen brief geschrieben von Salomon D. Beyler.
Ungefähr um Jahr 1850. (In zwei Theilen)

Die gnade gottes und die reine liebe Jesu Christi und die gemeinschaft des heiligen geistes wünsche Ich dir lieber vatter und basli David und freinde Mast ferner alles gutes an seel und leib hier in dieser zeit und auch in der langen ewigkeit und das durch Jesum Christum amen

geschrieben zum grus des friedens und der liebe an euch alle gute freund und bekanten die uns noch etwas gutes wünschen. gedenkt unser auch. zum guten dessen Wir auch gesinnet sind in unserer schwachheit. weiters las ich euch wissen das Wir noch alle gesund sind wie gewönlich zu dieser zeit wie auch alle freund und bekanten so viel Wir bekant ist ausgenommen dem Salomon Zissi sein weib. weiters las ich auch wissen das die leute angefangen haben hei zu machen. der waizen ist ziemlich gut. der haber ist gut und das welschkorn ist schön und wir haben ziemlich drocken wetter. weiters las ich auch wissen das Wir sein gekommen fahr von der beden April der 30. der Gidion Yoder hat uns abgeholt von Lustdaun. dort waren Wir übernacht. den nachsten tag hat er uns hinauf gefahren zu dem hans König. das war Sontag der 1 Märtz und abend hat der Joseph König uns heim gefahren. der 3 tage Wir sein Morgens nach der Mühlheid gefahren.

(Fortsetzung folgt)

Einen Brief Geſchrieben von

Solamon D. Byler, Belleville, Pa. Ungefähr im Jahr 1850.

(In vier Theilen wiedergedruckt)

Die Gnade Gottes und die reine liebe Jeſu Chriſti und die Gemeinſchaft des Heiligen Geiſtes wünſche ich dier lieber Fetter (Uncle) und Beſli (Aunt) David und Feroika Maſt ſamt alles gutes an ſeel und leib heir in dieſer zeit und auch in der langen ewigkeit und das durch Jeſum Chriſtum, Amen.

Geſchrieben zum grus des Friedens und der liebe an euch alle gute freund und bekanten die uns noch etwas gutes wünſchen. Gedenket unſer auch zum gutem deſſen mier auch geſinnet ſind in unſerer ſchwachheit. Weiters las ich euch wieſen das Mier noch alle geſund ſind wie gewönlich zu dieſer zeit wie auch alle freund und bekanten ſo viel Mier bekant iſt ausgenommen dem Solomon Piſchi ſein weib. Weiters las ich euch wieſen das die leuden angefangen haben hei zu machen. Der Weizen iſt zimlich gut. Der hawer iſt gut und das welskarn iſt ſchön und mier haben zimlig droken wetter. Weiders las ich euch wieſen das Mier heim gekommen ſeyn von der Bekwe (Pequea) April der 30. Der Gidion Yoder hat uns abgeholt von Lüistaun (Lewiſtown). Dort waren Meir üwernacht. Den nechten dag hater uns hirauf gefaren zu dem Sem König. Das war Sontag der 1 May und abends hat der Joſeph König uns heim gefaren. Der 3 ſeyn Mier frie morgens nach der Milkrik (Millcreek) gefaren. (Fortſetzung folgt)

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

Introduction

Like most other family history writers, we will start out by saying that the task of compiling a family history is not an easy one. Even though this statement is practically worthless, it will stand with the rest to assure our readers that we are aware of the fact that only a certain percent of the present generation can truly appreciate this type of work, but we hope there are those of the coming generations who will benefit by it.

Even though the Petersheims are a minor class among the Amish and Mennonite groups, those that have passed on have left a witness of desire to fulfill their mission on earth and we think the family merits this long overdue attention.

"A people who have not the pride to record their history will not long have the virtues to make history worth recording; and no people who are indifferent to their past need hope to make their future great." (from the Sesquicentennial of the Amish Mennonite of Ontario)

As we go along we will notice that the Petersheims did not give very many church leaders, especially in male lineage, the female line gave about the average number of ordained men. However, the family did possess certain qualities of talent that are well worthwhile to note which was likely implanted in the blood before our fathers crossed the Atlantic, These were transmitted from one generation to the next and certainly added strength to the structure of our church. Our Petersheim fathers are known to be energetic, industrious, thrifty, yet generous in giving to the church and to the community. As they matured they became quite capable and they provided many a home of worshipping grounds for the church, not alone in the immediate family, but also for others.

To write a history of a family of one hundred fifty years ago, or five generations away, one must rely completely on something that someone has written before. To write an article on hearsay is less than a novel, to build a text on tradition alone often distorts somewhat in the future, so we must select our material from logic and reliable sources. In this particular family these are unusually few and the raw materials are rare. Our thanks go to the Conestoga church records that were kept and another family document found in the same area presented to us by C. J. Kurtz. With these and some legal documents we hope to have a product of lasting qualities. Over the years we have collected notes of value, some are strong evidence to reality while others are rather dim. These must be sifted out, pieced together, and preved out by more than one writer. The questionable phrases will be proven by two or three men. We feel indebted to the voluntary help of Tobias Petersheim, Mifflintown, Pa.; David Petersheim, Eli Miller, and Amos L. Fisher of Bird-in-Hand, Pa., and others.

The initiative to this work will be dedicated to Emanuel Stoltzfus, Churchtown, Pa. His wife, Fannie, is a direct descendant of George Petersheim. In the fall of 1966 Emanuel Stoltzfus directed a move to restore the gravesite of George Petersheim. A day was set to have a frolic to clean up the graveyard and build a steel fence around it, which was well accomplished. Those of direct descent to help with the project were Christian F. Petersheim (deceased), Amos K. and Christian L. Petersheim, Elmer Smucker, Churchtown, Tobias Petersheim and the writer. At the same place there are Rancks and Dagues buried. Some of these are marked graves. A Petersheim marker will perhaps be added to the site in the near future. Already at that date (1966) Emanuel sought someone to write a family history. We of the Diary felt obligated to participate in the work. The work was delayed on account of lack of information of the parent family in America.

THE DIARY will not offer sufficient space to update the Petersheim Family, it is our aim to lay a solid foundation of the first three or four generations, then the field will be open for someone to publish a complete family history, perhaps in book form, anytime.

"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup. Thou maintainst my lot. The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." Psalms 16:5, 6.

Forword

The name Petersheim explains itself at a glance. It is strictly German. The suffix "heim" added to the name of a place stems from the Rhinelanders. The "heim" territory seems to begin just north of Basel, around Müllheim, and extends northward to Mannheim. These regions on both the east side and west side of the Rhine hold scores of cities and towns named in this manner, which covers southern Germany and the Alsace in large. Northward, as far as Munster, they are fewer and more scattered. Austria has a few "heims," but in Switzerland there are few, if any, to be found. Thus the name "Petersheim" is not of Swiss origin. It does not exist on the lists of hundreds of Swiss Brethren names we have on file. As of today we do not have a single trace of this name in Europe, so we cannot be sure of the origin. Perhaps we should accept the idea that the Petersheims are not found among our Swiss Brethren, but that they were converted by them as they moved into the Rhineland sections, where they joined the Mennonite body in the eighteenth century.

Eshelman, in his book and studies of the Swiss German immigrants, suggests that the name "Petersheim" derives from the town "Pfeddersheim" in Germany. Through friends in Germany we have contacted eight Stadtarchives of Germany, and none of them have on record or have known the name, Petersheim, to exist in Germany.

Since we have no records of passports or of a family Bible we will not know from what part of Europe our elder Petersheims came, or exactly when they came. However, we have evidence that the children were all born in Europe. The 1850 census records show that John was born in Germany, but this does not tell us everything, as they likely told the census taker they were born in Deutchland, which could also be the Alsace of France since it belonged to Germany before the Thirty Years War and was in the Rhineland region as well. A family Bible record from Canada states that Christina, the youngest in the family, was born in France. When we add to this that the Petersheims were closely associated with the Louis Miller family, and their children were intermarried, and that the Christian Miller passport clearly states that they came from France, this is most likely their native land.

The Petersheim "Freundschaft" in America was long neglected. The 1966 information, from which we started, named the immigrant Peter Petersheim. As we searched the court house records and tax return records there was no such name in Lancaster Co., Pa. at any date. In 1969 we covered the assessment records on file at the Lancaster County Historical Society, and there at once we found a George Petersheim in Leacock Township, first listed in 1813 and on through until 1817. We knew at once that this was our progenitor as there was no other of that date. This is the only legal document of him in America. Since that alone was not satisfactory to tell us when he came to America or of his whereabouts after that time, the matter was nearly at a stansstill for about three years. In the spring of 1973 a Conestoga Church almsbook record was recovered which clearly reads that George Petersheim loaned from Christian Hertzler, the deacon, a sum of fifty dollars in silver or gold. It was witnessed by David Yoder January 1, 1811. This was not unusual for an immigrant to loan money from the church as many of our fathers came aboard poor and the American brethren were willing to aid those who needed it.

While we look at the date again we do not believe that they came in the winter of 1811, but, much more likely, in the fall of 1810. In another record from the same source we find the money, or note, was paid back to the church in 1818 through the sender, Jacob Beiler. We have another tie to this date. From the passport of Christian Muller, who was married to a daughter of George Petersheim, we find he applied for a passport to leave France in 1809. There are possibilities that they had planned to come together in 1810. At that time there were disturbances caused by the War of 1812, and since the British, an enemy of France, controlled the fleets on the seas it may have been risky to cross the Atlantic at that time. The Millers stayed in the lower Rhine until 1818.

We will now quote from a family document written by a great-grandson of our immigrant.

"Great-grandfather George Petersheim was from Europe and dite in the neighborhood of Rolands mill in the year of 1818.

"Great-grandmothers name was Christina. Her maiden name was Nisley." Following, I assume, are the children:

"Peter Petersheim

Christian Petersheim
John Petersheim
Fannie Petersheim was married to Christ Miller;
Mattie Petersheim was married to Christ Myer;
Christina Petersheim was married to Christ Gascho."

We feel this writing clears up the situation well and fits together with scattered parcels of writing and tradition.

But we do not know why George Petersheim borrowed money from the Conestoga Church, nor why he is buried along Sheephill Road near Greenbank, yet he was assessed in Leacock Township. His tax returns never exceeded $.25, which tells us he had no real estate property in America, and he is listed as a miller by trade. This leaves his place of residence in the dark.

This family document gives us no birth dates. Fannie was most likely the oldest. A date of birth and death may appear in the following family register. Peter seems to be next in age, although we have no dates whatsoever of birth, he died in 1831 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. This is likely where he married, lived and died.

Christian leaves no exact date of birth, but he is assessed in Leacock Township in 1818. If he became of age that year he was born around 1797. He married to Anna Stoltzfus, and in 1822 they purchased a tract of 136 acres on Millcreek, Leacock Township from Catherine and Elizabeth Stoltzfus (spinsters). Christian died in 1831, and, according to tradition, he is buried on the farm site.

To be continued Joseph F. Beiler

THE AMISH CHURCH OF MONTBELIARD, FRANCE

(Founded in 1713)

-Joseph Stoll

Today it might be pretty hard to find an Amishman who speaks or understands the French language. But a hundred or two hundred years ago, there were many Amish who knew French. Among the early settlers of Daviess County, Indiana were some who wished they could speak English as fluently as they could French. It is said that my great-grandparents would talk to each other in French when they didn't want the children to understand.

Actually, the immigrant ancestors of many Amish of today came to America from French-speaking areas. The greatest number of families came from Alsace which had become a French province in 1697. Others came from various parts of eastern France that were near Alsace. Still others came from "Montbeliard," a small country that did not become a part of France until 1792.

Most readers of The Diary have probably never heard of Montbeliard (Mumpelgard in German). This is strange, for Montbeliard was the home of a strong Amish church that began as early as 1713 while Jacob Amman was probably still living. Although Montbeliard belongs to France today, the first Amish settled there for just one reason: Because Montbeliard was then NOT a part of France.

From Bern to Alsace

But the story does not begin in 1713. Instead, we must go back several generations before that time, back to the homeland in the canton of Bern, Switzerland. For the first settlers who came to Montbeliard were refuges who had earlier fled from Bern.

The 1600's had been years of continuing persecution for the Anabaptists of the canton of Bern. From about 1640 onward, many families or family members fled northward to escape persecution, often with only a bundle on their backs to claim as their own. A large group settled in Alsace, then a German territory. The fields of Alsace had been laid waste by the Thirty Years War, and farmers were needed to bring the land into production again. Although the refugees brought little wealth, they did bring something of greater value. They brought with them a strong desire to live their faith in peace. They brought the knowledge of how to make the neglected hill farms produce. They brought a will to work.

Soon there were a number of churches in Alsace. In the 1690's Jacob Ammann came to these congregations, and apparently made his home in the Markirch Valley. It was in Alsace that Ammann won his greatest following. Almost all of the congregations became Amish, although they kept on calling themselves "Manoisten," or Mennonites. It is from this same area, the Markirch Valley, that settlers later moved to Montbeliard.

Alsace, as mentioned earlier, became a French province in 1697. Under the new government, the question of military service for the Amish soon came up. Twice Jacob Ammann and other leaders presented a petetion to the king of France. Each time an exemption was granted, but the Amish had good reason to be uneasy.

In the year 1712 serious problems arose. It seems that neighbors were jealous that the Amish were free of military service, and they also envied them their success in farming. They sent in a complaint to Paris. The result was that the government of King Louis XIV decided no longer to tolerate the Amish in Alsace. Orders were given that they must leave their homes, nor would they be permitted to resettle in any other part of France.

Where could the Amish go? Many of them still remembered the heartache of leaving their homeland of Bern, and now after such a short time they would have to move again. They looked about in every direction for possible places to move to. Some crossed the border into what is now Germany. Others trekked over the mountains into nearby Lorraine, which was then not yet a part of France. Some turned to the southwest toward Montbeliard, a small land belonging to Wurttemburg (Austria), which was like a little island nearly surrounded by French provinces. A number of Amish decided to stay in Alsace in spite of the command to get out, and within a few years they received limited permission to live there.

What interests us at this time is the migration to Montbeliard, beginning in 1713 as the direct result of the Amish being expelled by the French king from Alsace.

The Early Settlers

Montbeliard in 1713 was a very small country perhaps 35 miles in length and 10 miles in width. It was a land of poor soil, drained by the River Doubs, winding between the rolling hills and forests. The capital of the little country was centrally located, and was also called Montbeliard. From this town it was only five or six miles to the Alsace (France) border, and eight or ten miles to the boundary of Switzerland. The people were French-speaking, but Montbeliard was not Catholic as was France. The state church was Lutheran.

Count Leopold-Eberhard of Montbeliard, the ruler of the country, had recently taken over a number of large farms, but the fields were lying idle because of a lack of skilled tenants. The count gladly invited the Amish to come farm his land, if they were no longer welcome in Alsace. It was not that he pitied these Swiss people; it was purely a business matter, and the count was looking out for himself.

In order to persuade the Amish to come, Count Leopold offered them homes on his farms, and the promise to let them worship unmolested.

None of the immigrants were permitted to be landowners in those early years, nor were they allowed to worship openly. In spite of these restrictions, there was resentment from the native population who were not happy to have strangers coming into their midst in such a manner.

From the records it appears there were several Mennonite families from Switzerland who had settled in Montbeliard a few years earlier. Perhaps this is how Count Leopold-Eberhard learned that the Swiss were good farmers. Even though these few families came earlier, it can be rightly said that the Amish church was not founded until the immigrants from Alsace arrived in 1713.

Following is a list of some of the families that came from Markirch (Alsace) to Montbeliard in the early years, from 1713 onward. Many of these same families, or their parents and grandparents, had moved to Alsace from Bern, Switzerland a generation or two earlier. Almost without exception the Amish families of Montbeliard can be traced back to the canton of Bern.

(1) Hans Roth; (2) Jacob Blank (or Plank); (3) Hans Hochstetler, Christ Hochstetler; (4) Peter Reich (Rich, Richer); (5) Christ Joder (Yoder), Jost Ioder (Yoder); (6) Hans Zimmerman; (7) Klaus Fahrni; (8) Hans Eicher;

A census taken in 1723 shows these additional names of interest:

(9) Ulrich Frey; (10) Hans Gnagi; (11) Daniel Graber, Mathis Graber, Peter Graber; (12) Melchior Muller (Miller), Michel Muller; (13) Peter Greybuhl (Grabill, Krabill, Krahenbuhl); (14) Christ Kropff; (15) Andreas Sommer.

Continuing immigration to Montbeliard brought new family names. Names that became common and are of interest to us include Schwartz, Schmucker, Lichti, Gerig, Kauffman, Kipfer, and Stoll. A few names appear only once or twice in the records. Among these are Gungerich and Schwartzentruber. Still other names were very common, but are of less interest to us today because somewhere down through the years they passed out of the Amish church.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GEMEINDEBUCH

Written on Page One by Hans Rich

Das ist ein Gemeinde-Buch fur die Gemeinde, die man die Manoisten oder taufgesinnten Christen oder die wehrlosen Christen nennt, ohne Rach und Gegenwehr in der Grafschaft Mumpelgart.

Erstlich fur die wo durch den Glauben an Jesum Christum durch Busse und Besserung ihres Lebens durch die heilige Taufe zur Gemeinde eintreten, von Jahr zu Jahr ihre Namen und Zunamen wohl aufgeschrieben.

Zum andern sind aufgeschrieben die Ehebeschlussen und Kupelationen und wer sie zusammen kupelliert habe, von Jahr zu Jahr auch aufgeschrieben mit Namen und Zunamen.

Zum dritten sind aufgeschrieben die Toten oder die in der Gemeinde der Manoisten starben von Jahr zu Jahr der Datum akurat, so sind sie aufgeschrieben mit Namen und Zunamen.

Zum vierten sind aufgeschrieben die Diensten der Gemeinde, die Lehrer und Vorstander der Gemeinde sind; wan ihnen ihr Lehramt ist anbefohlen worden, durch das Los oder Zustimmung der Bruderschaft mit Bettag und Fasten und Flehen zum Herrn, dass Er anzeigen wolle, wer ihm gefallig dazu ist.

So ist das geistlich Registerbuch der Gemeinde der Manoisten oder wehrlosen taufgesinnten Christen in der Grafschaft Mumpelgart, durch ihre Lehrer und Vorstander in der Einfalt aufgeschrieben mit treuer Wahrheit.

In the early years the immigrant families settled on the farms of Count Leopold-Eberhard, scattered from one end of the tiny country to the other. Often several families lived on one farm, or estate. Apparently they worked the land as sharecroppers. Mention is made in the records of hired men and of maids. These were Amish.

How the church itself was first organized is not known. Perhaps some of the men who moved to Montbeliard were already ordained ministers. Or perhaps ministers from Alsace or Switzerland came to ordain leaders for the new church. Records of church matters are very scant up to 1750, but there is evidence of healthy growth, partly from continued immigration and partly from young people growing up. By 1750, forty years after the start, the country was no longer large enough to hold all the Amish families, or perhaps not enough farms were available. Some families had spread across the border into Alsace.

"Das Gemeindebuch"

In the year 1750, or shortly thereafter, a young Amishman of Montbeliard named Hans Rich began an important task. Because of what this man did, we have a much fuller record of the Montbeliard church than of any other Amish church in Europe. Hans Rich began keeping record of all baptisms, marriages, reaths, and ordinations. He did not record mere facts, but added interesting comments and notes that today give us a good picture of what life was like in those days.

How did Hans Rich happen to keep such a record, when no other Amish congregations were doing so at that time? Was it his own idea, or someone else's? We do not know. Hans Rich was ordained as preacher in 1753, and it is not likely that he would have been asked by the church before this date to keep the records. The "Gemeindebuch" does not seem to have been a private project, but was certainly an official record authorized by the leaders of the church.

It is possible, and seems likely, that the "Gemeindebuch" was Hans Rich's idea, and that upon his suggestion the church agreed that such a record should be kept. This would have had to occur after 1753 (and perhaps as late as 1761, when Hans Rich was ordained bishop). He could have easily filled in the records back as far as 1750, either by inquiring, or from unofficial records.

What makes the "Gemeindebuch" especially valuable is the fact that its information is not limited to only the Montbeliard congregations. There are records of baptisms, marriages, and ordinations from neighboring congregations, and from quite a distance away in Alsace and Switzerland. Hans Rich became a well-known bishop whose influence was felt throughout the European Amish churches. He journeyed to other congregations helping with church problems, baptizing, marrying, and ordaining.

In 1766 Hans Rich and several other bishops traveled to Holland upon the request of the faltering Amish churches there. As a committee, they worked to restore the churches there, holding communion services for them and ordaining leaders. In 1779 Rich attended the Amish ministers' meeting at Essingen, and was among the signers of the "Ordnungsbrief" that was adopted there.

The "Gemeindebuch" that Hans Rich started has great value indeed, as history. The original copy, written in the old German script, has been preserved by the Montbeliard congregation, today a Mennonite church. A Frenchman, Charles Mathiot, used it as a source for his history of the Mennonites in France, written in 1921. It has likewise been quoted in a number of histories in both the English and German languages. But it has never been published or translated. In 1940 the editor of the "Mennonite Quarterly Review" promised to print the GEMEINDEBUCH in full, but it never appeared. Today copies of it are to be found in several Mennonite historical libraries. It is through the courtesy of one of these libraries that a copy was obtained for this study.

Many of the entries themselves are in rather poor German, with spelling being a matter of choice, it seems. Place names, especially, are spelled many different ways, sometimes in German, sometimes in French (examples of varying spellings: Gutnadt-Couthenans, Beddingur-Bethoncourt, Odingur-Audincourt, Beschang-Belchamp, Prissbutto-Brisepoutot, Blumbargerwald-Florimont). A number of comments, also, are in the French language.

Hans Rich kept the "Gemeindebuch" for just over fifty years, until his death in 1801. The records lost much of their color with his passing, for those who took his place were more likely to record only dates and bare facts.

The period during which Hans Rich was the leader of the church, and during which he kept the "Gemeindebuch," might be called the Golden Age of the Montbeliard Amish congregation. Later the membership may have been somewhat larger, but the church was no longer as strong in doctrine and discipline.

Fifty Years of Growth

By 1750 the Amish had probably all left their "heimatlande," the canton of Bern in Switzerland. Three small new congregations had been started in Pennsylvania, but most of the Amish were still living in Europe. There were congregations in Alsace and neighboring lands—the Palatinate, Lorraine, Montbeliard, Meuchatel, and even in Holland. All of these European areas are mentioned in the "Gemeindebuch."

There is no reason to believe there were any important differences in faith or practice among the various Amish churches. True, the records tell of small groups breaking away, but this did not hinder the fellowship of the main body of congregations. These apparently worked together in harmony, as is shown by ministers traveling from church to church, "diening" with each other. It is also shown by the unity in the ministers' meetings in 1759 and again twenty years later in 1779.

In other words, what we can learn about church practices in the Montbeliard congregation can be safely supposed to have been the practice throughout the Amish churches, except for minor points that are unimportant.

In 1750 the Montbeliard congregation was working very closely with two neighboring Amish churches. It is rather difficult to know just where the boundary lines were between one congregation and another, especially since neighboring districts sometimes had joint baptismal services and even joint ordination services.

Of the three churches, Montbeliard was in the center. The "vollige diener" (bishop) was Jacob Roth, who lived on the farm called des Gouttes, just southeast of the town of Montbeliard. To the south about thirty miles lay the "Nauwburger bitt" (Neuchatel) where the bishop was "grosse" Michel Ritchard. To the northeast, over the line in Alsace, was the Montreaux (Munsteral in German) congregation, with Klaus Engel as bishop.

The three bishops mentioned above officiated at the first ordination services mentioned in the "Gemeindebuch." This event took place October 14, 1753, in the Montbeliard area. It was a double ordination. Hans Rich, already mentioned, was ordained to be a preacher. A second Michel Ritchard, a minister living in Montbeliard, was ordained "zum vollig lehramdt," even though the congregation already had a senior bishop, Jacob Roth. (Evidently congregations often had two or three "vollige diener" at one time, as well as several deacons.)

Let us take a quick glance at a few more ordinations. Three years after the above ordination, in 1756, Jacob Schmuckli (Schmucker) was ordained minister and Jost Jodter was ordained deacon. In the year 1761, Hans Krachtenbuhl was ordained deacon and Hans Rich, "Eltister" (bishop). This made three active bishops for the Montbeliard congregation. The oldest bishop, however,–Jacob Roth–passed away in 1766. Shortly after his death, Jost Jodter was ordained "vollige Armendiener," Hans Roth as preacher, and Hans Graber as "Armendiener."

During the 1760's the Amish congregations in Holland were in serious trouble. They wrote to their brethren in Alsace and the Palatinate to come to their assistance. In 1765 the first committee of bishops went to the Netherlands to investigate. Hanss Nafziger of the Palatine, one of these bishops, wrote, "After having spent nine weeks of great sadness with them they still asked us to stay longer and to celebrate the Lord's Supper with them. We reminded them, however, of the fact that they had lived together in discord for so many years until now. . . Therefore they should now pray together earnestly and stand together in peace and patience for a year. After that, with the Lord's help, we would be willing to dispatch officials to them to hold Communion with them and ordain church officials. . ."

This came to pass the following year when four bishops were sent north to Holland to help the churches there. The first-named of the four was Hans Rich of Montbeliard. The four men held Communion and ordained ministers. Twice more within the next few years, groups of ministers went to Holland to aid the churches there, and in 1781 Hanss Nafziger sent a written description to Holland, telling how baptism, marriage, Communion, and ordinations were performed among the Amish churches in Alsace and adjoining lands.

In 17 , the members of the Montbeliard church asked the government for permission to establish a parochial school. Their petition may be the earliest record of Anabaptists asking for the privilege of starting a church school.

In 1780, also, a request was made for permission to build a house for worship, but this was not granted. Instead, the congregation continued meeting at the homes of individual members who had rooms large enough. It is interesting to note that in the baptismal records of 1775, mention is made of a "Gemeindestuben" on the farm called des Gouttes. This farm was centrally located and was the most frequent meeting place for special events such as baptisms. Another common meeting place was Gran Cerf (an den groszen Hertzen). Here, too, there must have been a large room, for it is reported that in 1787 the Prince took possession of it and made a ballroom out of it.

About this time the neighboring church at Montreux was divided into two districts because of the great distance from one end to the other. The north church was centered around the farm called La Maie, near Belfort. The south half was located in the Blumbargewald (Florimont). Additional ministers were ordained for these churches.

The French Revolution

Beginning in 1789 the country of France went through a turbulent upheaval in which the King and Queen were forced from the throne, and the nation became a republic. The cry of the people for "Liberty, equality, and brotherhood" echoed throughout the land. The little country of Montbeliard, though independent of France, was not to escape the effects of the Revolution.

It so happened that Hans Rich's sister died in September of 1792, just at the time when there was much unrest. Hans wrote in the GEMEINDEBUCH, "I consider that my sister is fortunate to have died in such a troubled time, for it has become dangerous to live and sojourn in this evil world. Montbeliard was overrun by a senseless horde of beggar people from France ("unsinniger hauffen Puttelvolck") and on August 1st they took the town and on the 2nd they led the Prince and his soldiers with their weapons to Belfort. On the 4th they brought the officers back to Montbeliard from Belfort."

And so Montbeliard was taken by France. Evidently the change did not bring any great changes for the Amish, at least not immediately, though it did cause them to be greatly concerned. And it did give their enemies a chance to air their grievances before a new set of rulers. Thus the issue of swearing the oath of allegiance and of serving in the military came up again.

The new government agreed to exempt the Amish from swearing the oath, and substituted it with a simple promise and a handshake. The matter of military duty was not so easily settled, and in the end some Amish served in the non-combatant forces.

Another change brought by the French Revolution was a new calendar. For a few years, the records of that time often give the date both by the old calendar and by the new. For example, we read this birth notice: "Today the 22nd day of March, 1798, old style, or the second day of 'germinal,' sixth year of the French republic, was born to Peter Ulrich a daughter, is named Catrina Ulrich, the father is named Peter Ulrich and the mother Catrina (Catherine) Lauber. Johannas Roth certifies the above to be true."

But the new calendar did not last long. After twelve years, it was discarded, and the old style calendar once more became legal.

Another new law of the French republic was to require the registration of all births, marriages, and deaths in government offices. This, no doubt, was a good idea. The first mention of this law in the GEMEINDEBUCH is under the date August 8, 1792, just a week after Montbeliard had become French territory. On that date Hans Meyer and Marey Gerig were married, but not until their names had been registered in the civil office in Montbeliard, "as is the custon of the French nation."

One cry of the French peasants during the Revolution was for equality. This, to them, meant taking away the riches and the power of the wealthy classes, and distributing a share to everyone. Strangely enough, it occurred to some citizens of Montbeliard that if the Amish were to be equal in all things, they would have to shave off their beards! Their idea of equality was sameness. But there is no record that any Amish were molested.

However, it might be mentioned in passing that there were some problems within the church about the wearing of the beard. About ten years earlier, at the ministers' meeting at Essingen, one of the points agreed upon by the assembled bishops was that all youth who cut off the beard with a razor or similar means were to be warned, and if they did not cease were to be punished with the ban.

In the Montbeliard GEMEINDEBUCH a similar rule appears, squeezed in among the baptismal lists, under the date of 1788. This reads:

> ''So it was agreed among the ministers and assembled brotherhood concerning the beard-shavers (Bartscharer), if they will not let the beard grow as God has created us in His image, they shall be disciplined with the ban as disobedient and rebellious persons according to God's Word and His holy order. And this shall be done without respect of persons. I, Hans Richen, certify (bezuge) to the above."

Emigration to Poland

In 1790 there was suddenly a movement to emigrate to Poland. How this all came about, or what prompted some families to leave Montbeliard is no longer known. It is possible that the political unrest that had broken out in France the previous year could have influenced them to leave. Perhaps there was fear that the French Revolution would reach Montbeliard and bring with it hardships and persecution.

Whatever the reasons for going to Poland, it seems the home church cooperated fully with those who were leaving. The ordination records for 1790 include this statement: "Today Samuel Stoll was ordained 'diener zum buch' before the assembled congregation 'auf der gutten,' to journey to Poland." Then the account continues: "So Samuel Stoll and Christian Kanel (a 'vollige-diener' from the neighboring congregation) with their companions and travelers went away together on September 22, 1790, from Montbeliard to Poland. . ."

The following year, 1791, two additional ministers were ordained to go to Poland (fur in bollen zu gan), namely, Christen Graber and Jacob Roth. A list made in 1793 gives the names of 50 persons in this new settlement in faraway Poland.

A century later a remnant of this Polish Amish church migrated to South Dakota. They brought with them the common family names, but they did not bring with them the Amish faith and practices they had taken to Poland. Over the years they had lost their nonconformity and many points of faith.

One of the best glimpses we have of the Montbeliard church at any given date is at the end of 1793, when a list of families was drawn up and copied into the GEMEINDEBUCH. This list gives the residence of each family, plus the names and birthdates of the children. We find there are 36 families, with 173 children, or perhaps 250 people in all. At this time this church of 36 families had three bishops, three preachers, and one deacon.

The early 1800's saw the church continue to grow in membership. But then came the great migration to America. The movement got underway during the 1830's, and there was a steady stream of migrating families for several decades, coming from nearly all the Amish areas of Europe. The churches were very much thinned out, and some congregations became extinct.

In Montbeliard not everyone left. Some families by this time were quite well at home, and perhaps could not see that it was worth the risks and hardships to move to America. As the years passed, the families that had stayed began to adjust to society around them. They lost the German language and became wholly French-speaking. They also lost many points of faith–doctrines and practices for which their forefathers had suffered much persecution. In a time of peace and prosperity, the Amish that remained in Montbeliard little by little surrendered their heritage.

But one thing they did. They took good care of the old GEMEINDEBUCH, the record of what the church was like in the old days, from 1750 onward.

Next Month: A Closer Look at the ''Gemeindebuch" Records

Our Fatherland in America

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Christian Plank, Valentine Kleiner, John Gerber, Ulrich Miller, Christian Steiner, Ulrich Oswalt, Ulrich Amman; around 1711 Christian Plank withdrew from Amman to join the Mennonites.

Other Amman ministers mentioned in letters: John Good, John Zook, Christian Zook, John Kauffman, Isaac Kauffman, John Anken, Michael Blassen, Stickle Augsburger, Christian Holly, Daniel Grimmstetler, Christian Gowman, John Roller, John Weir, and Yost Joder.

Note: All information was taken from letters written by people who were involved in the seperation; one letter by Jacob Amman (1693); a copy, from an Europeon copy from the original, in our files; a few letters published in the "Christliche Gemeine Kalender" restored at Bluffton College–Delbert Gratz; some information from the translations of John B. Mast.

Joseph F. Beiler

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Preimmigration Conditions

The 1693 Schism

Continued from last month

By 1698 the storm had taken its toll and the wind seemed to dwindle. From the Ulrich Amman letter we find that the coministers of Jacob Amman could no longer tolerate his unruly conduct and asked him to repent, which he did at once and this he did wholeheartedly. He sent letters to the churches of Switzerland and the Palatinate, confessed that he had treated the matter too harshly, asked for forgiveness, and also asked if they could be reunited again. He openly announced that he with some of his other ministers had availed to expell themselves from the church. The Reist party of Switzerland, according to the letter, accepted this in a jubilant manner, sang slander songs on the streets to people of the church and also to those without, they shouted that Amman is fallen and they would not consider any reconciliation with a thing that has stood for only a few years. But to the churches in the Palatinate it was a little different, some of the lay members were seeing things drift away too fast since they had lost some of the old principles already and had a sense of reform. A few congregations did reform but those of the Palatinate that didn't adhere to Ammon sent a letter to the Swiss and asked to draw up articles of agreement. Here they did agree to a few points that they had abandoned, but to accept the entire Amish doctrine was out of question so they did not unite again.

The last letter (1711) gives us more knowledge how things wore with time. In the Palatinate the trend was more towards reform. Records show that some families, perhaps a few congregations, did yield to the Amman doctrine. By now the immigration move had commenced and in a few decades hence it was underway. Here it can well be suspected that many of these from the Palatinate, rather than to retrace bitter steps back to the Amman field in Europe, they chose to migrate to America to establish an old Mennonite church anew. Here is where our story enters into our fatherland of America. Those that settled the Northkill, the Maiden Creek (Cumru Twp.), the Tulpehocin and Heidelberg sections of Berks County and parts of Lebanon County were organized from the beginning. They were successful in establishing a strong congregation, maintaining the Amman doctrines and the Swiss element. Where those who settled in the West Conestoga–Cocalico section of Lancaster County there is a marked difference. They were not well organized, more unstable and they yielded to neighboring Mennonite and Brethren customs or practices early. The pioneer names of this section are in large identical to the Mennonites of the Palatinate.

Before closing we will add a few more points from a 1694 letter written in the Palatinate. A certain man named Jacob Amman of Alsace, France, contended that some Christian practices were lost and resolved to rebuild the church on the old foundation. He introduced doctrines as simple as that all men should wear untrimmed beards, that the clothing should be of more modest attire and that all that did not confess with him he expelled from the church. The people divided themselves into two groups which caused much discussion but did not bring good fruit.

The last sentence is a heavy one. The man that wrote this statement unrolled his thoughts from a narrow mind that did not live long enough to see that it was possible for a church to retrace to the old foundation and standards, to build upon the rock that it could stand generation after generation and century after century, where the same hymn books, prayer books, confessions of faith and scripture texts are still in use much as they were by the 17th century Mennonites in Europe.

It is sorrowful indeed to read and digest these letters to learn of the radical and harsh conduct displayed by the Alsacian leader towards his opponents. This did not bring good fruit and not until after he confessed his wrongdoings did his movement prosper. In much the same way did the other party accept his teachings and often they did not greet him in a christianlike manner which left a deep bitter wound for years to come. We must wonder why oh why did it have to take place in such a cruel manner even in times of persecution? Perhaps it was Divine judgement cast upon a backsliding church that needed reform. In which direction are we sailing today?

Names of ministers who registered with Jacob Amman: Jacob Kleiner, Jacob Kauffman, John Moyer, Peter Zimmerman, John Bachman, John Neuhauser, Phillip Haegly, Nicholas Augspurger, Henry Gerrye,

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INDIANA HOUSE FIRE

The Bishop Amos U. Miller Family lost their house and all its contents by fire on Friday evening, Feb. 22nd. However, no one was hurt. Mrs. Miller (Fanny E. Bontrager) had surgery a few weeks ago and was not improving very fast, but was able to cook and do the dishes, etc. They filled the oil stove tank and checked to see if it was put in right, and it was. She had just returned to do the dishes when a slight noise attracted her attention. Looking around she saw flames back of the stove and below the stove on the floor. She called for help and when water did not put it out, they tried a fire extinguisher which also failed. Fanny then went for the clothes closet to get clothes but it was already filled with smoke. The fire extinguisher had used oxygen and she could hardly breathe but she was able to get out by herself. They have two single daughters and three single sons at home. Address is Millersburg R1, Indiana.

GEAUGA CO., OHIO HOUSE FIRE

A fire from a faulty cleanout door on a chimney caused considerable damage to the home of John H. and Sadie Hershberger, Feb. 15th. Barbara, 18, the youngest daughter had just come in from doing chores and was sitting on the couch when she smelled smoke. She discovered the clothes were on fire in the closet and after throwing a box of soda on the fire she ran barefooted to a neighbors' telephone to call the fire department. Sadie had gone to one of the neighbors and John was working away. Luckily the fire department kept the fire confined mostly to one small room, and the structure did not burn. But heat and smoke did a lot of damage so that almost every room had to be done over. Some furniture and clothing were lost.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Orwell, Ohio

Mervin, age 4, son of Henry Fishers was in the hospital for about 1½ weeks with ear and throat infection. His face was swollen quite a bit and it paralyzed one side of his face.

IOWA YOUTH KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Enos, 19-year-old son of Pre. John and Katie Yutzy, Fairbank, Iowa, lost his life through an outo mishap, Saturday, Feb. 16 at one a.m. He had a crushed skull and other injuries. He was taken to Iowa City Hospital, where he died Saturday p.m. the same day.

ELKHART COUNTY, IND. ACCIDENT

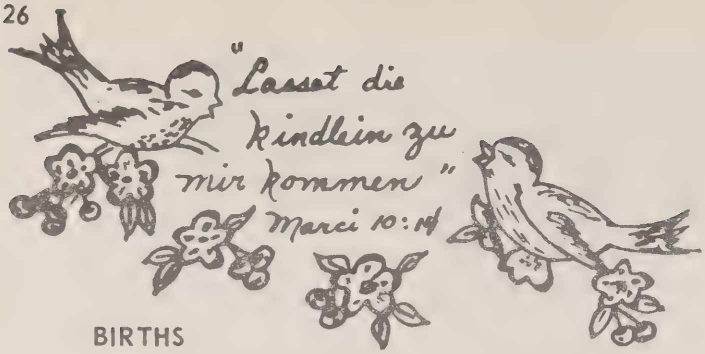
Junior, son of Ora Nisleys, was accidentally shot in the right leg, Feb. 10th, which went through the hip bone. He was taken to LaGrange Hospital and from there was transferred to the Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne, where he underwent surgery. The bone was shattered, and he is in traction since surgery, and has to stay indefinitely. He is getting along as good as can be expected.

ASHLAND, O. GIRL SCALDED BY HOT WATER

Annie, 18-year-old daughter of Pre. Henry J. and Katie (Troyer) Raber, Greenwich R2, Ohio, was badly scalded, Feb. 22nd, when she wanted to take a hot bath after having the flu. She had a two-burner oil stove and a kettle of hot water nearby when she fainted and fell, possibly from the fumes of the stove. She received 2nd and 3rd degree burns, and was taken to Shelby Hospital where she is a patient, but is hoping to come home soon. It will be a while before she can work again.

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS MISHAP

On January 23rd Mr. and Mrs. Eli M. Otto, with Mrs. Lewis Knepp from Daviess County, Indiana, were driving through water that crossed the road just south of Route 133, 3 miles east of Arthur. They drove to the side of the road in the ditch and upset their buggy. Lydia was able to get out and go for help but Elis' stayed in the buggy. A passing pick-up truck driver saw them and got help. They were taken to a neighbor's house and warmed, then a car took them on home again. The temperature was at freezing that morning. It seems they had no bad effect, although they were pretty well soaked.


"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"
Marci 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Amos B. (Susan B. King) 2116 Pequea Lane Lancaster, a daughter SYLVIA MAE, February 21

BEILER, Elam (Rebecca King) Christiana R1 a son AMOS K., February 23

BEILER, Elmer K. (Anna M. Glick) 86 Hartman Station Rd., a daughter, February 18

BEILER, John K. (Elizabeth Beiler) Quarryville R3 a son ELMER B., February 10

BLANK, Amos K. (Emma S. Stoltzfus) New Holland R2 a son SYLVAN MARCUS, February 15

BLANK, Ephraim K. (Susie Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son SAMUEL, February 25

EBERSOL, Isaiah (Malinda King) Leola R1 a daughter SADIE K., February 20

ESH, Benjamin B. (Barbara Esh) Christiana R1 a son JONAS E., February 1

ESH, Eli (Anna Petersheim) Paradise R1 a daughter MARY ELLEN, February 24

FISHER, David E. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a daughter, February 3

FISHER, Elam E. (Barbara E. King) Honey Brook R1 a daughter REBECCA, February 9

FISHER, John E. (Annie L. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1 a son ROY LEE, February 19

GLICK, Henry S. (Linda K. King) Leola R1 a daughter MIRIAM K., February 20

GLICK, John R. (Rebecca Fisher) Quarryville R3 a son JOHN R., February 17

KING, Amos K. (Malinda Kauffman) Gordonville R1 a son IVAN K., February 20

KING, Christian B., (Rebecca Lapp) Christiana R1 a son ELAM E. February 25

KING, Elam E. (Sadie E. King) Gordonville R1 a son DAVID, February 16

KINSINGER, Levi A. (Arie Z. Swarey) Kirkwood R1 a son EMANUEL, February 7

LANTZ, David P. (Emma L. Miller) Gordonville R1 a daughter REBECCA M., February 10

LAPP, Isaac K. (Lydia A. Kinsinger) Holtwood R1 a daughter SUSAN K., February 20

MILLER, Samuel (Ada Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son LEROY, February 26

SPEICHER, Aaron J. (Rebecca L. King) Box 105, Witmer, a daughter LINDA K., February 22

STOLTZFOOS, Eli K. (Sadie M. Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter ANNA MAE, February 4

STOLTZFUS, Dan F. (Rachel S. Stoltzfus) 95 Maple St. Leola, a son ELMER F., February 26

STOLTZFUS, Daniel (Elizabeth S. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son SYLVAN, February 4

STOLTZFUS, Daniel F. (Sarah S. Miller) Kirkwood R1 a son BENUEL K., Feb. 22, died March 1

STOLTZFUS, Daniel S. (Emma King) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son DAVID K., February 27

STOLTZFUS, Eli K. (Malinda K. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a son ELIAS K., February 10

STOLTZFUS, Israel (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1 a son, February 9

STOLTZFUS, Jacob F. (Lavina F. Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son CHRISTIAN K., February 14

STOLTZFUS, Levi M. (Lizzie K. Esh) Eby Rd., Leola a daughter, February 12

STOLTZFUS, Samuel (Ruth Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a daughter MARY ANN, February 25

ZOOK, Isaac B. (Lydia Beiler) Paradise R1 a son AMOS B., February 2

Dover, Delaware

MILLER, Eli J. (Alta Mast) Dover R 5 a daughter CORA MAE, February 13

STUTZMAN, Willis A. (Rosann Zehr) Dover R6 a son STEPHEN, February 1

YODER, Andy L. (Ada Coblentz) Hartly R1 a son RAYMOND, February 28

Bradford County, Pennsylvania

MILLER, Levi (Cassie Hershberger) Leraysville a son JOAS, February 17

Adams County, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Moses (Sarah Stoltzfus) a daughter LAVINA, January 1

LEE, Stephen (Susie Stoltzfus) a son JOHN, January 2

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Elmer (Lydia Kauffman) Orrstown R1 a daughter HANNAH, February 3

FISHER, Gideon (Barbara Esch) Newburg R1 a son LEROY, February 11

Path Valley, Pennsylvania

HERTZLER, Elmer (Fannie Hostetler) a daughter NAOMI, February 5

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Winfield, Pennsylvania

YODER, Mr. and Mrs. Manass R.
a daughter MALINDA, January 25

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

PETERSHEIM, Jonas (Susie Yoder) Mifflintown R1
a son SETH, February 8

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

WAGLER, Jacob E. (Elizabeth Troyer)
a son SAMUEL, February 6

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Daniel H. (Mary Swarey) Belleville
a son DANIEL, February 11
HOSTETLER, John (Hettie Peachey) Belleville
a daughter ESTHER, February 6
KANAGY, Stephen (Lizzie Yoder) Belleville
a son JOHN, February 6
PEACHEY, Benjamin D. (Sarah Swarey) Allensville
a daughter SYLVIA, February 2
PEIGHT, Henry (Hannah Kanagy) Belleville
a son JESSE, February 18
WENGERD, Eli (Mary Zook) Belleville
twins SARAH & SYLVIA, February 26
YODER, Jonas (Lydia Swarey) Belleville
a daughter NAOMI, February 1
YODER, Samuel (Miriam Hostetler) Milroy
a son MICHAEL, February

Oakland, Maryland

MILLER, Roy J. (Lovina Garber) Oakland R2
a son DWAYNE DALE, January 31

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Levi (Effie P. Yoder) Springs
a son JACOB, February 6

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Mose W. (Katie Byler)
a daughter FANNIE, February 17
SHETLER, Levi J. (Anna Byler)
a son RUDY, February 14
SHETLER, Mike B. (Linda Hostetler)
a daughter ADA, February 18

Hicksville, Ohio

MAST, Eli (Edna Mullet) Hicksville R2
twins ROSELLA KAY & ROSETTA KAY, February 11

Geauga County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Joni J. (Mary Raber)
a son MELVIN, February 8

Holmes County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Junior E. (Anna Miller) Sugarcreek R1
a daughter ERMA, February 7
MILLER, Alvin S. (Malinda Raber) Millersburg R4
a daughter ADA MAE, January 25
MILLER, Joseph D. (Katie Miller) Baltic R1
a daughter ESTHER, February 14
MILLER, Mose L. (Mattie Miller) Mt. Hope
a son WAYNE, October 27, 1973
MILLER, Pre. and Mrs. Noah R., Millersburg R4
a daughter MIRIAM, January 25
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A., Millersburg R3
a son MOSE, February 14
RABER, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas, Millersburg R5
a daughter, February 8
SCHLABACH, John Jr. (Katie Miller) Baltic R1
a daughter MARTHA, January 30
TROYER, Andy (Clara M. Miller) Holmesville R1
a daughter MARY ELAINE
TROYER, Melvin J. (Verna Miller)
a daughter MARIE
WEAVER, Levi B. (Susie Troyer) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter RUTH, February 21
YODER, Alvins, Mt. Hope
a daughter LINDA, August 6, 1973
YODER, Melvin D. (Clara Keim)
a son MARVIN, February 22
YODER, Noah J. (Anna Yoder) Baltic R1
a son ROY, February 15
YODER, Roy A. (Esther M. Beachy) Holmesville R1
a daughter MARY BETH, January 12

Wayne County, Ohio

KEIM, Mose (Clara Mast) Apple Creek R2
a daughter ARIE, January 25
MAST, Mose D. (Ella Mast) Dundee R1
a son DANIEL, February 9
MAST, Roy E. (Mattie Kauffman) Dundee R2
a daughter, February 15
MILLER, Henry (Emma Miller) Big Prairie R1
a daughter MATTIE, February 6
MILLER, Wayne J. (Clara Miller)
a son ALLEN, January 29
WEAVER, Levi B. (Susie Troyer) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter RUTH, February 20
YODER, Levi A. (Mattie Raber) Big Prairie R1
a daughter AMANDA, February 14
YODER, Levi M. (Edna Miller) Dundee R1
a son URIAH, February 2

Ashland County, Ohio

MILLER, Levi (Lydia Gingerich) Ashland R1
a son JOHN, February 25
MILLER, Noah (Malinda Troyer) Ashland R1
a daughter LYDIA, February 20

Allen County, Indiana

BRANDENBERGER, Samuel (Frances Eicher) New Haven, a daughter JOAN, January 31
EICHER, Ben (Margaret Lengacher) Grabill
a daughter MARY, February 22
GIROD, Reuben (Elizabeth Brandenberger) New Haven
a daughter SALOMA, February 20
GRABER, Christy (Eileen Zehr) Grabill
a son TOBIAS, February 9
GRABER, Emanuel (Anna Schmucker) Grabill
a son MARCUS, February 4
HILTY, Joseph (Elizabeth Miller) New Haven
a daughter SYLVIA KAY, February 3
SCHMUCKER, David (Barbara Schmucker) Spencerville
a daughter MARY EILEEN, February 19
SCHWARTZ, David (Mary Graber) Grabill
a son NOAH, January 30
STEURY, Reuben (Irene Brandenberger) Grabill
a daughter NAOMI, February 26

BIRTHS, Continued

Elkhart County, Indiana
BONTRAGER, Daniel (Katie Bontrager) Goshen R1
a daughter DARLENE KAY, February 11
MILLER, Verlin D.. (Nettie Yoder) Middlebury R1
a son JERRY ALLEN, February 12
YODER, Daniel J.. (Edna Nisley) Middlebury R1
a daughter IDA FERN, February 4
YODER, Lloyd W.. (Luella Bontrager) Goshen R1
a son LYLE EUGENE, February 5
YODER, William (Amanda Bontrager) Middlebury R3
a daughter CLARA MAE, February 10

LaGrange County, Indiana
BONTRAGER, Harley (Katie Lehman) Milersburg R1
a son PAUL H., January 19
BONTRAGER, John (Mary Jane Weaver) Shipshewana R2
a son FLOYD EUGENE, February 8
HERSHBERGER, Daniel (LeAnna Schlabach) Topeka R 1
a son DAVID D., February 8
MILLER, Ervin (Mary Lambright) LaGrange R2
a daughter NORMA E., January 20
MILLER, Glen (Lydia Mae Bontrager) Middlebury R3
a daughter ANNA MAE, February 11
MILLER, Tobias (Esther Hochstedler) Shipshewana R2
a daughter RUTH T., February 13
RABER, Mahlon (Freida Hoststler) Middlebury R3
a son MAHLON, JR., January 29
SCHWARTZ, Jake (Ruth Wickey) Shipshewana R2
a son LONNIE J., February 13
YODER, Alvin (Miriam Gingerich) LaGrange R4
a daugther REBECCA, February 5
YODER, Elmer (Ida Miller) LaGrange R4
a son DAVID, February 12
YODER, Fred (Elsie Graber) LaGrange R1
a son ERNEST LEE, January 24
YODER, John (Esther Bontrager) Shipshewana R1
a son ROBERT DEAN, January 31
YODER, Marvin (Mary Yoder) LaGrange R4
a daughter BARBARA ARLENE, February 9
YODER, Ora (Wilma Lambright) LaGrange R4
a son LEROY O., January 30

Nappanee, Indiana
BORKHOLDER, Raymond (Wilma Hochstetler) Nappanee R3, a daughter RUBY ANN, February 8
CHUPP, Jake (Esther Miller) Nappanee R3
a daughter ROSEMARY, February 14
CHUPP, Levi (Mary Yoder) Nappanee R2
a daughter VERA JEAN, February 9
HERSHBERGER, Perry Lee (Amanda Kay Hochstetler) Nappanee R3, a daughter ANNA ELAINE, February 6
HOCHSTETLER, Leroy D. (Malinda Schmucker) Bremen R1, a son DENNIE WAYNE, February 8
HOCHSTETLER, Lyle (Mary Mullet) Nappanee R2
a daughter MARY ADINE, February 18
MILLER, Joe S. (Anna Mullet)
a daughter, February 27
MULLET, Allen (Anna Mae Borkholder) Nappanee R3
a son ARLEN, February 9

Vernon County, Wisconsin
HERSHBERGER, Menno M. (Malinda Troyer) Cashton
a son ALBERT, February 11

Milroy, Indiana
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie
twins, WILLIAM and WILLIARD, February 6
SCHROCK, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey
a daughter LAURA, February 2

Arthur, Illinois
HERSCHBERGER, Abe (Lorene Bontrager)
a daughter SUSANNA, February 2
HOSTETLER, Monroe (Ruby Miller)
a daughter BARBARA SUE, January 26
MILLER, Raymond (Marlene Hostetler)
a son HAROLD JAY, February 8

Reno County, Kansas
MAST, Edward (Wilma Mast) Hutchinson R1
a daughter ESTA MARIE, February 6
Anabel, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Alton (Amelia Borntrager)
a daughter SARAH, February 14

Audrain County, Missouri
BORNTREGER, Clemens C. (Lizzie Troyer) Clark
a daughter ELLA, January 30
BORNTREGER, Jonas P. (Lena Gingerich) Clark
a daughter IDA, February 2
MILLER, David J. (Millie Miller) Clark
a son JONI, February 21
SHETLER, Abe V.. (Barbara Shrock) Clark
a daughter FANNIE, February 4
SHROCK, Joe E. (Lydia Borntreger) Madison
a daughter LENA, January 28

Pike County, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Rudy (Anna Schwartz) Bowling Green R3, a son SAMUEL R., February 6
EICHER, Johnny (Barbara Mast) Bowling Green R1
a son DAVID, February 4
MAST, Jacob (Martha Eicher) Bowling Green R3
a daughter RACHEL, January 31
MILLER, Levi (Lydia Borntrager) Bowling Green R3
a son LESTER, January 30
SCHWARTZ, Jacob N. (Elizabeth Borntrager) Bowling Green R1, a son ADAM, February 12

Buchanan County, Iowa
HERSHBERGER, Noah (Susie Yoder) Hazleton
a son JOSEPH, January 20
YODER, Felty J. (Betty Miller) Hazleton
a daughter SARAHANN, February 19

Johnson County, Iowa
MILLER, Alvin and Martha
a daughter RUTH IRENE, January 31
YODER, Albert N.. (Mary Ellen Bender)
a son FREEMAN, February 4

Medford, Wisconsin
STUTZMAN, Jerry (Elizabeth Miller)
a son JERRY, February 9
YODER, David (Mary Gingerich)
a son in January

Todd County, Verndale, Minnesota
LAMBRIGHT, Amos and Rosa
a daughter LYDIA ANN, February 5

Wadena, Minnesota
YODER, William I. and Anna (see mistake in Jan. issue)
a daughter LAURA, January 2

Aylmer, Ontario
EICHER, Alva (Rosanna Wagler
a daughter LOIS, February 24
WAGLER, Joseph (Iva Mae Hochstetler)
a son JOHN JAY, February 22
First grandchild for Monroe Hochstetlers of Honduras

Milverton, Ontario
JANTZI, John (Leona Kuepfer) Atwood R2
a daughter SUSAN, February 3
KUEPFER, Reuben (Ruth Albrecht) Millbank R1
a STILL-BORN DAUGHTER, February 3
WAGLER, Menno (Katie Kuepfer) Newton R1
a son MURRAY, February 20

Norwich, Ontario
HERTZLER, Amos (Rebecca Shetler) Mt. Elgin R1
a daughter LYDIA, February 16
MILLER, Jacob J. (Lydia Gingerich) Mt. Elgin R1
a daughter ELLA, February 25
MILLER, Jacob L. (Katie Yoder) Springford
a son TOBIAS, February 9
MILLER, Roman L. (Ella L. Miller) Norwich
a daughter MARY, February 12

For the Christian, death is the warm embrace of Jesus and the happy welcome of the eternal HOMELAND! M. R. DeHaan
from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

OBITUARIES

EBERSOL, Abram, 71, Gordonville R1, Pa.
died at his home Wednesday evening Feb. 27. He was ailing for one year after he had a heart attack. He died on the same date that he first had an attack and went to the hospital. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late David and Susie (Beiler) Ebersol. Surviving are his widow, Annie (Zook) Ebersol; a daughter, Rebecca, at home; five sons, David Z., Leola, Isaac F., Lancaster R4, John Z., Christiana R1, Jacob E. and Amos Z., both of Gordonville R1; 25 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Amos Ebersol, Narvon R2, and Leroy Ebersol, Leola R1; and two sisters, Esther, wife of Christ Fisher and Susan, wife of Aaron Riehl, both of Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held in the home by Elam F. Beiler and Bishop Enos Beiler; hymn by Joseph B. King; at graveyard, hymn by Dea. David F. King, abschied by Jonathan F. King. Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

EICHER, Samuel P., 74, Centreville, Michigan
died at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4th. He had been in failing health the past two months. He was born in Berne, Ind., Feb. 18, 1899, to Peter J. and Lovina (Stucky) Eicher, and had been a lifelong resident of the Sturgis area. He and Elizabeth Schwartz were married June 2, 1927 in Centreville, Michigan. Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Rebecca, at home, two sons, Jacob of Sturgis, and Victor, at home, four grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Leah) Kauffman of Lancaster, Pa., and Mrs. Lawrence (Rachel) Harbison of Nottowa, Mich., two brothers, Joseph of Burr Oak, Mich., and Peter of Berne, Ind., and nieces and nephews. Two brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

HERSHBERGER, Jacob E., 28, Apple Creek R2, Ohio
drowned Jan. 28 in the Mohican River in a logging mishap (see front page of Jan. issue). The body has not been found. He was the son of Eli and Lizzie (Miller) Hershberger and was a logger for Coblentz Bros. On June 20, 1968 he was married to Emma, daughter of Lester and Sylvia (Yoder) Schlabach. Surviving besides his parents and his wife are three sons and one daughter, Atlee 4, Clara 3, Paul 1, and Leroy 6 mo.; two brothers, Atlee and Dan of Apple Creek R2; four sisters, Mrs. Jacob (Malinda) Shetler, Mrs. Eli (Ella) Hostetler, Mrs. Dan (Katie) Miller, and Mrs. Reuben Y. (Edna) Hostetler of Apple Creek R2.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7 at the home by Bishop William Hostetler.

HOCHSTETLER, Yost A., 84, Owen, Wisconsin
died Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, from a lingering illness. He had been bedfast for about six years. He was born Sept. 27, 1889, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Lehman) Hochstetler, and was married to Mattie Y. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are six sons, John, Jacob, William, Samuel, Harvey, and Yost; and two daughters, Barbara and Lovina. Two daughters and one son preceded him in death.

HOSTETLER, Elmer H., 51, Oakland R2, Md.
died Feb. 24th in an Atlanta Georgia Hospital after being there three weeks with a fast-growing brain tumor. He was born Nov. 29, 1922 and was married to Martha Byler Dec. 18, 1945. Surviving are his wife and five children, Mary, wife of Jesse Peachy, of Guthrie, Ky., Daniel, married to Fannie Miller, Rachel, Ida, and Linda, of the home; one sister, Mrs. Emanuel Byler of Belleville, Pa. He was anointed the evening before they left for the hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27th. Short services at the house were held by Bishop Norman Schrock, and at the church house by Richard Lambright of Guthrie Ky. and Ezra Kanagy of Belleville, Pa. Burial was in Slabaugh Cemetery.

HOSTETLER, Joseph Y., 88, Belleville, Pa.
died Feb. 12 at the Lewistown Hospital. He had not been well for the last two months. He was a son of the late Joseph and Lizzie Hostetler, and was married to Sarah Peachey, daughter of Bishop David C. Peachey. She passed away in 1966. A few infants preceded him in death. Surviving are ten children, Louis, Allensville, David, Roxbury, John, Samuel, and Andrew, of Lancaster Co., Pa., Daniel, Alvin, Mrs. Darlington (Lizzie) Benn, of Milroy, Mrs. Crist (Savilla) Byler, of Geauga Co., Ohio, and Lydia, at home; some grandchildren and a few great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 15 at the Rufus Peachey Jr. home by Ben Raber and Crist Peachey. Burial was in Locust Grove Cemetery.

OBITUARIES, Continued

KUHNS, Benjamin, 72, Arthur, Illinois
died Jan. 15 at the age of 72 yr., 9 mo., 15 days. He was born March 30, 1901, the son of Manassas T. and Eliza (Nisley) Kuhns at Nappanee, Ind.; was married Jan. 8, 1925 to Sadie Yoder; lived in matrimony 49 yr., 7 days. To this union were born seven sons and two daughters, all living in the Arthur Community but one. He leaves his wife, the nine children, 42 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the home, Jan. 18, in the big house by Bishop Eli J. Yoder and Bishop Earl Miller, both of Nappanee, Ind., and in the little house by Ivan Schmucker of Fortuna, Mo. and Cris Kaufman of Milton, Iowa; burial in Yoder Cemetery.

MILLER, Mrs. Anna J., 76, Goshen R1, Indiana
died at 9:25 a.m., Monday, Feb. 4 at the Goshen General Hospital where she was admitted Sunday night. She had suffered for 12 years with a heart ailment. Born in LaGrange Co. June 15, 1897, she was a daughter of Jacob and Polly Miller, and was married March 8, 1917 to Elmer T. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Alvin E. and Larry, both of Goshen; six daughters, Mrs. Daniel (Viola) Beachy, Mrs. Laura Kuhns, Mrs. Henry M. (Polly) Yoder, Mrs. Vernon (Ida) Troyer, all of Goshen, and Mrs. Roman (Katie) Schlabach and Mrs. LaVerne (LeAnna) Bontrager, both of Shipshewana; 37 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Larry Miller home at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 7 by Bishop Perry Nisley and Henry A. Yoder. Burial was in Thomas Cemetery east of Goshen.

MILLER, Elizabeth, 81, of Arthur, Illinois
died Feb. 7 at the age of 81 yr., 1 mo., 20 days. She was born Dec. 19, 1892 a daughter of Milton and Lydia D. (Schrock) Otto, and married Henry B. Miller July 7, 1921; he died Jan. 12, 1972 (see obit. in Jan. issue, 1972, p. 4), lived in matrimony 51 yr., 6 mo., 5 days. Surviving are two brothers, Eli of Arcoda, Ill. and Menno of Medford, Wis. Ahe had been a bed patient for about two years.

Funeral services were held at the home by Edwin D. Schrock and Levi J. Herschberger in the big house, and by Bishop Dan A. Miller and Cris Bontrager in the dody house. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery.

MILLER, Lucy, 70, of Arthur, Illinois
died Feb. 11 at the age of 70 yr. and 1 day. She was in church on the 10th, did the washing Monday forenoon, and was putting away the wash when she suddenly passed away about 2:15 p.m. She was born Feb. 10, 1904, a daughter of Noah J. and Katie (Yoder) Mast, and married Daniel B. Miller Nov. 2, 1933. They lived in matrimony 40 yr., 3 mo., 9 days. To this union were born two sons, Ervin and Henry. Ervin met with a tractor accident in Iowa and died Aug. 15, 1953 at the age of 14 years. Surviving are the husband and Son Henry and four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Mattie) Yoder of Iowa, Mrs. John (Fannie) Plank, Mrs. Bishop Jerry (Elizabeth) Otto, and Mrs. Jake (Katie) Plank, all of Arthur, and two adopted grandchildren. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Melvin, 5 mo., Allen Co., Indiana
son of Michael and Margaret Schwartz, died Feb. 2 in Whitley Co. Hospital due to a heart illness since birth. He was a patient one day. He had a pace maker for his heart since a week or so of age. A five-day-old sister preceded him in death, also with heart trouble, two years ago. Surviving are the parents and a brother, Marcus, grandparents, David and Anna (Miller) Schwartz, and Pre. Menno and Maggie (Steury) Schmucker of New Haven R1, and two great-grandmothers, Rebecca Steury and Clara Miller.

Funeral services were held in the Menno Schmucker home by Bishop Levi R. Graber of Camden, Michigan. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery, Grabill, Indiana.

SHROCK, Mrs. Emma, 69, Ashland R1, Ohio
was born Aug. 22, 1904, died Feb. 9, 1974 at her home. She had a heart attack one week earlier and seemed to be coming along fine when she suddenly passed away in her sleep. She was married to Emanuel Shrock Feb. 3, 1925, lived in matrimony 49 yr. and 6 days. Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Roy (Katie) Coblentz, Mrs. Menno (Esther) Troyer, and Mrs. Albert (Mary) Keim, all of Ashland R5; six sons, Ivan of Homerville, O., Paul and Emanuel Jr. of Ashland R5, Andy of Shiloh, O., and David and Melvin of Ashland R1; one sister, Mrs. Jonas (Lavina) Miller of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio; 69 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held in two different houses by Simon Brenneman and Sol Weaver. Burial was in the Troyer Cemetery.

SMOKER, John F., 86, of East Earl R2, Pa.
died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in the Ephrata Community Hospital where he had been a patient for eight days. Born in Mascot, he was a son of the late David R. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Smoker. He is survived by his widow, Emma (Zook) Smoker; 12 children, Lydia, wife of David Huyard, New Holland R1, Simon of Lancaster, Mrs. Mary Augsburger of Reinholds, Naomi, wife of Daniel B. King, Narvon R2, Ruth, wife of Aaron K. Fisher, Strasburg, Elizabeth, wife of Aquilla Smoker, Bird-in-Hand, Priscilla, wife of Daniel Bawell, Bareville, Anna, wife of Jonathan Lapp, Gap, James, Margantown, David, East Earl R2, Melvin, Atglen, Reuben, Morgantown; 46 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Joshua, of Smoketown, and Levi and Abner, both of Gap.

Funeral services were held by John O. Stoltzfus. Burial was in Mast's Cemetery.

SWAREY, Savilla, 50, of Path Valley, Pa.
wife of Pre. John Swarey, died March 4 and was buried March 6.

YUTZY, Enos, 19, of Fairbank, Iowa
died Feb. 16 from injuries received in a car accident (see front page). He was a son of Pre. John and Katie Yutzy.

STOLTZFUS, Benuel, 7 days, of Kirkwood R1, Pa. infant son of Daniel and Sarah (Miller) Stoltzfus, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in his home. Surviving, besides his parents, are a brother, Joseph; paternal grandparents, Benjamin K. and Anna Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Arianna Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1; and maternal great-grandmothers, Mrs. Annie Miller and Mrs. Sally Stoltzfus, both of Bird-in-Hand R1.

MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Brenneman, Yoder – Simon, son of Eli Brennemans of Somerset Co., Pa., to Lydia, daughter of Jonas and Mattie Yoder, Feb. 28, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

Schlabach, Detweiler – Paul, son of David and Lizzie Schlabach, to Esther, daughter of Henry and Anna Detweiler, Feb. 14, by Bishop Tobias Detweiler of Missouri.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Troyer – George, son of Enos and Elizabeth Yoder of Bowling Green, Mo., to Lydia, daughter of Sam and Elizabeth Troyer of Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa., Feb. 28, by Ura I. Yoder of Bowling Green, Mo.

Winfield, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Byler – Christ, son of Joseph C. Yoders, to Mary, daughter of Jonathan C. Bylers, in January.

Yoder, Yoder – Mose, son of David L. Yoders, to Malinda, daughter of Jonas M. Yoders, in January.

Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Miller, Yoder – Bill, son of John D. and Barbara (Troyer) Miller, to Betty, daughter of Mahlon and the late Sarah (Weaver) Yoder, Feb. 28, by Bishop Eli Troyer of Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Byler – Andy, son of Joe H. and Annie Byler, to Lizzie, daughter of Emanuel V. and Mattie (Davis) Byler, Feb. 14, by Bishop Andy M. Byler.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Mullet, Raber – Levi J., son of Jesse D. and Amelia Mullet, Mercer R4, to Sarah, daughter of Andy B. and Saloma Raber, Fredonia R1, Pa., Feb. 14, by Milo Glick.

Ashley, Indiana

Schwartz, Schwartz – Sam, son of Joseph and Amelia (Miller) Schwartz, to Mattie Judy, daughter of Reuben E. and Mattie (Schmucker) Schwartz, Feb. 22, by Bishop Jacob Miller of Bowling Green, Mo.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Beachy – David, son of Mahlon A. and Wilma (Eash) Miller, to Mary, daughter of John M. and Katie (Hochstetler) Beachy, Feb. 21, by Bishop Dan A. Miller, uncle of the groom.

Bontrager, Hochstetler – Jonas, son of Eli M. Bontragers, to Betty Sue, daughter of LeRoy and Nettie (Slabach) Hochstetler, Feb. 21.

Holmes County, Ohio

Yoder, Raber – Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. D. Yoder, Millersburg R2, to LizzieAnn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Raber, Millersburg R2, Feb. 14, by Bishop Roman J. Miller of Baltic R1, Ohio.

Yoder, Miller – Uriah, son of Melvin L. and Katie Ann (Yoder) Yoder, to Sevilla, daughter of David A. and Elmina (Kurtz) Miller, Feb. 21, by Bishop Dan Schrock.

Ashland County, Ohio

Weaver, Coblentz – William, son of Eli W. and Ada (Yoder) Weaver, to Mary, daughter of Pre. Roy M. and Katie (Shrock) Coblentz, Feb. 7, by Bishop Henry J. Miller of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio.

Norwich, Ontario

Stutzman, Stutzman – Levi D., son of Dan D. Stutzman Jr. of Lucknow, Ont., to Sarah L., daughter of Levi J. Stutzmans of Norwich R1, Ont., Feb. 7, by Bishop Eli E. Swartzentruber.

Audrain County, Missouri

Bontrager, Burkholder – Eli, son of Pre. Levi V. Bontragers, Anabel, Mo., to Sarah, daughter of Pre. Samuel M. Burkholders, Feb. 7.

Medford, Wisconsin

Mullet, Otto – Enos E., son of Enos E. and Clara (Troyer) Mullet, to Millie, daughter of Menno and Barbara (Hochstetler) Otto, Feb. 7.

ORDINATIONS

Reno C., Haven, Kansas

Samuel F. Petersheim, 25, Haven R2, Ks., son of Tobe Petersheim was ordained minister in North District, in December 1973.

Eli W. Miller, 49, Haven R2, Ks., son of Wm. A. Miller of Ind., was ordained deacon in South District.

COMMUNITY NOTES – by David Y. Renno

Our congratulations go out to our Snyder County scribe, Widower Sam M. Troyer, who is getting married the beginning of March to a Delagrange widow from Allen Co., Ind. Sam can give us more details on this.

A number of Amish of Snyder Co., Pa. are planning on starting a new settlement in far northern New York State in St. Lawrence County in the St. Lawrence River valley near Ogdensburg, N. Y. where land is cheap and the soil is fertile. We wish them well in their undertaking.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Todd County, Minnesota

Soil in this part of Minnesota is black sandy loam. There are a few farms with muck around here. A five acre lake joins our farm and the 80 acres of Noah Borntreger. The Hewitt and the Wadena districts are approximately 14 miles apart.

REPORTERS! Please write on only one side of paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Material on reverse side might be lost or overlooked. Thank you. S. E. F.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Pinecraft, Florida, by Mose B. Miller

Weather was on the chilly side again, but it only lasts a few days here, 50 degrees the 23rd. It rained one and one tenth inches this week and we had six tenth the first week in February. There is not much lawn mowing at this time of year. The women that do not work out are quilting and gossiping all winter. Men of the same group gossip and "Bale Hay," shuffling and checkers is also a pastime. A lot of the able men are fishing for a living, or living to fish. But the red tide has been a detriment. The fumes get into a person's eyes and throat and cause irritation and vomiting, also kills many fish, tons and tons of them. Quite a few new tourists came this week again.

I had the pleasure to be visited by the Diary typist, Miss Sara E. Fisher and her girl friend, Leah Lapp. The former had quite a sun tan or something on her face.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

Weather was mild in general with two real nice snows, 6 in. on the 8th which made real good sledding for four days, and a wet snow the 25th that mostly melted as it came down. Temperature was variable with a low of 2 degrees on the 10th and a high of 62 on the 21st. Precipitation for the month totaled 2.1 in. rain and about 12 in. snow. Not much farm activity except hauling manure, cutting wood, attending sales, etc. Fertilizer prices have advanced as much as 40% with some analysises hard to get and bag fertilizer is also hard to get. Most companies are pushing for bulk deliveries.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had only one snow that was worth measuring, Feb. 8th, around 5 or 6 inches. Several other times it started snowing but changed to rain or sleet. Feb. 3 it rained and froze most of the day. Also had several windy days especially the last half of the month, which dried the land off considerably. Farmers got busy with their plows. We had little rain the last three weks. Feb. 22nd we had a 15 minute rainstorm.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was ½ in., also had a few light snows.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, $46 to $51 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle, $36 to $60 Cwt.; Veal, $45 to $92 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $42 to $43 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, 80¢ to 85¢ per lb.; Dairy Cows, $550 to $800 at New Holland sale; Good horses and mules bring from $1200 to $2200 per pair; Fowl, light, 7¢ to 12¢ lb., heavy, 12¢ to 30¢ per lb.; Capons, .40 lb.; Eggs, .67 doz.; Potatoes, $11 to $12 Cwt.; Hay, $32 to $80 Ton; Straw, $41 to $47 Ton; Ear Corn, $81 Ton; 3.10 bu.; Wheat, 5.50 bu.; Barley, 2.45 bu.; Oats, 1.80 bu.

by Ammon F. Fisher

February started in with farmers plowing. The 8th it snowed, turning to very cold. The 10th we had 5 below zero, the coldest for the winter so far. The 21st was very nice, some farmers seeded clover seed. The last week we had two days of March winds. Lots of manure was hauled in February. Farmers are attending farm sales where things are selling at a very high figure.

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens Nissley

The weather in February was cold. It snowed all day on Groundhog Day, so I guess he didn't see his shadow here. More snow on the 7th, 11 inches. Coldest of the month was 13 below zero, with lots of zero weather. It warmed up the week of the 18th. Showers on the 22nd, with some thunder and a beautiful rainbow in the evening, and colder since. A few farmers have tapped maple trees, but not much sap weather.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

February brought us about 1 in. of rain and 5 inches of snow. On the 13th and 22nd, we had thunder and lightning in the evening. Not very many bitter cold winds all winter, which should help the fuel situation. Farmers had a good chance to haul manure and clean fence rows, etc., as it was an open winter with very few deep snow drifts.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The month of February started in with very nice spring-like weather. Feb. 6 was colder with 20 degree temperature; Feb. 8, five inches of very fluffy snow; Feb. 10, it was very cold with 2 above in the morning. There were 7 days when temperature stayed below freezing, had freezing temperatures nost every morning. The warmest day was Feb. 22 with temperature in the 70's in the afternoon. End of February, spring flowers are pushing through, birds are migrating. Work among farmers was plowing, hauling manure, attending farm sales, and doing repair work.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

February continued mostly mild, coldest was 4 above, only a little snow. A lot of plowing was done this month. It is time to get manure out and get ready for spring.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during February was mostly warm and rather dry. Less than 2 inches of rain fell, and only a few rabbit tracking snows. The coldest this winter was 12 above. The temperature often went into the low sixties during the day. The coldest spots in Juniata are at Richfield and Perulack, about ten miles on either side of us, where it usually is about 10 degrees colder on cold days. Some farmers are boiling maple syrup and plowing. They get good runs of sugar water this year. Fruit trees are still dormant.

Snyder Co. (Mt. Pleasant Mills) Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

Our February weather was a little colder than normal. It was 2 degrees on the ninth, which was the coldest for the month. We didn't have much snow, and hardly any rain till the latter part of the month. The ground was quite dry.

Snyder Co. (McClure) Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

The first part of February was cold and rainy, also some sleet. No snow until the tenth, but it lay only a few days. More rain in February than snow. Some lightning in the evening of Feb. 13. It rained hard on Feb. 22-23, snowed Feb. 25, then cleared. A hard winter was predicted, but was mild so far.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

We had 21 days in February that the sun was shining at least part of the day, also had a lot of snow flurries. The 22nd we saw a nice rainbow; it was 60 degrees that day. The first week in Feb., temperatures were mostly 10 and below in the morning. The 14th it was 34 in morning and 20 by noon, followed by a few more cold days.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

February was a mild month, temperatures in twenties or thirties. Once we had a low of 6, and highest was in sixties. A rather sharp air the whole month seemed almost like March air. Eight very nice, sunny days; the rest more changeable. Very little rain or snow. Three times a light snowfall covered the ground, but lasted only a day or so. 1.2 inches fainfall. Due to the light snowfall, pastures and lawns now look bare and brown. February 3 was quite drizzly and cold all day, making a very beautiful scene on the mountain tops. It really looked wooly and very beautiful. Feb. 23-24 it was quite windy. I noticed a few trees blown down. On Feb. 27 a buzzard was soaring high in the sky, so probably the backbone of winter is broken.

Oakland, Md., by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger

February was a somewhat mild month. A few days snow, then it would warm up again. The last week was colder and more like winter with a cover of snow.

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

We've had an exceptionally nice February, with occasional snows and cold, also some rainy days. Coldest was 6 near zero. We had no real blizzards, but had pretty hard wind several times. The groundhog didn't get to see his shadow here, as it was very cloudy that day. Many people have opened their sugar camps already. Some had several good runs already, too. Women folks are mostly sewing and quilting.

New Wilmington, Pa., by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

The groundhog had only a few minutes chance to see his shadow, and we had a real mild winter month for February. Lots of sunshine, and heard several robins already. Some farmers had dispersal sales and changed hands. We had a thunder shower the evening of the 28th.

Union Co. (Winfield), Pa., by Mrs. David L. Yoder

In February we had some real nice weather and also some cold weather. The coldest was 8 above zero. We had a few days that seemed like spring. It was snowing all day the 25th but was melting fast.

Indiana County, Pa., by John W. Miller

The month of February was colder than January in this area. There were several days of awfully high winds, and more snow than we've had any other month all winter. The coldest was 4 above and the warmest 52. Beef, hogs, veal, and meat horses all seem to be down considerably at the local auction. Fertilizer and seed is still going up especially seed potatoes, $16.00 to $18.00 per bushel.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

February was a little more wintry with an average morning temperature of about 20 degrees, lowest being about 4 degrees, highest about 40 degrees. We had some snow flurries and it rained about 2 inches.

Crawford Co. (Guys Mills), Pa., by Melvin D. Byler

Weather for the month of February was variable through our area, with a week of cold weather, around zero, then some warm weather, ranging in the high 30's to 40 degrees, also had quite a bit of snow. Very few trees are being tapped through our area because they are mostly soft maples, although it appears to be a better year for sugaring than last year.

There were five of us families who moved to this area from Geauga Co., Ohio in April and May of 1972. One family moved back to Ohio in May of the following year and one family in September, leaving three families. Then one family moved in in the last of September. At present there are four families, and a few families looking for farms.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The weather for February has been more cold than mild but only once did it drop below zero, other times mostly in the teens and twenties, and some snow. Feb. 22 was very windy and in the evening it also snowed and it looked like it might turn into an old-fashioned blizzard, but by morning it had abated. Most sugar bushes are tapped and some mild weather brought the sap to running.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

February was another nice month with not much snow, and not as much wind and cold as some winters. The farmers have a good chance of getting their manure out this winter. While going out to Indianapolis on a business trip last week, I noticed a lot of plowing done already along Interstate 70. About 1920 we took a sled load of dressed hogs to Akron and sold some of them from house to house. At that time there was not much traffic yet, but took all day for a trip like that. We are losing three families again this spring. They are starting a new settlement in the western part of Ohio, southwest of Kenton. Most of our neighboring farms are being sold for building allotments, which is the reason for moving out of here, also living between two cities like Canton and Akron.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

Temperature for this month ranged from 4 above to 60 degrees. We had a lot of snow and also had some beautiful sunshiny days, and some rainy days. The ground hog saw his shadow which calls for six more weeks of winter. At the end of the month the ground was frozen hard and it was snowing. Some plowing has been done.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Nice winter weather, had some snow in February, very little zero weather so far. Farmers are busy hauling manure, cutting wood, and attending sales, which seem to be quite numerous.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

For the shortest month of the year we had almost a weekly rotation of weather. Snow does not make too much progress, only a few inches at a time and is gone again in a few days. We had some rough and high winds but no severely cold weather so far. Farm sales are plentiful, horses and cattle bringing high prices.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

We had a mild winter so far, only one morning in February that it was zero, average temperature was 20 degrees. We had very little snow, only once that the snow plows were out. A few early birds started plowing. You can see a few sap buckets hanging on the maple trees. There is very little maple syrup made in our area anymore. Farm auctions are plentiful, some implements bring as much or more than new ones would cost, if available. Corn, 1.50 bkt.; oats, over 2.00 a bu.; cows up to $1000. It doesn't take much of a team to bring over $1200, up to $2000. I noticed a killer bringing $385 at a horse sale, it was a fat large horse. At a standard bred sale, a guy bought a semi-load of horses, paid up to $300, to send to Italy for beef. That meat would be pretty expensive, a lot higher than our cattle beef here.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

We had very nice February weather with not much snow. Feb. 22 we had a very strong wind and rain which turned to snow. The ground was white the next morning. There were quite a few farm sales through February and things bring a good price.

Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

Weather for February was mild, had very little snow or cold weather. The temperature ranged from 10 to 60 degrees. We had very strong and high winds on the 22nd. Men have tapped the sugar trees and they seem to be doing fairly well. Yards are starting to green up slightly. Lots of sickness is among the children as well as the adults.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

We had a lot of snow and zero weather during February. A few days we had temperature up to 40, but usually it wasn't for long enough to melt all the snow. Fuel and food prices keep rising. Kero- is now 31¢ per gallon, and potatoes are selling for $6.75 for 50 lb.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

The first few days of February were damp and cloudy with rain. On Feb. 6 it rained quite a bit, turning to a glare of ice, it stayed cold for a week, then it warmed up and we had more rain, and cloudy weather. On the 24th it turned cold and snowed quite a bit, stayed cold about three days, then turned warmer and rained again, really changeable. Robins are here, also the red-wing blackbirds, grass is starting to green up in some places. Some folks have tapped the maple trees. Egg prices are still up to 70¢ or 80¢ a doz.; milk is $1.49 a gal. in stores.

Orwell, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

The weather was about the same as in January. Snow is about all gone, and is quite muddy again. Good weather to get caught up with those jobs you want to get done before spring.

Centreville, Mich., by Tobe LeRoy Yoder

The first week of February we had snow and cold, from 10 to 17 above zero. The week of the 10th was not so cold till the 15th, then we had 7. However, by Sunday it warmed up, and Monday it rained, then colder again. On the 22nd we had 40 to 50 mile winds, rain and snow. The last week we had nice sunshine, but cold mornings. Corn is $3.20 to $3.25 per. bu. Fat hogs are down, $39.75 cwt.

Bronson, Mich., by O. A. Graber

February was generally fair, with some real mild days, one cold spell about the middle of the month, with a few near zero days. Moisture for the month was above normal, coming mostly in rain. We had about 6 to 8 inches of snow. Pre. Ivan Schmuckers moved today on their farm, another family from Fortuna, Missouri, This makes our fourth family from that area, and two more families from there bought farms, to move soon. The gas shortage seems to be rather severe in the Bronson area, with only 2 out of 8 gas stations operating now. Wheat is $6.10 a bu., corn $3.06, and oats were bringing a premium of $1.75 a bu. at the local elevator. Oats is selling above market, as it is very scarce. Land prices are way beyond reason.

Allen County, Ind., by Mrs. John Schmucker

The first part of February was pretty cold and lots of snow. We had a few springlike days toward the end, with showers and a very nice rainbow. Reports are that alfalfa seed is $100.00 a bu. Weaning pigs are still $32 - $36. Ear corn $4.15 cwt.

Ashley, Ind., by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

January was a cloudy and foggy month, not much sunshine. If the old saying holds out (January fog will freeze a May dog) we are in for some late frosts. In the middle of the month we had heavy fog. Coldest was 8 below on the second, highest was 45 on the 16th. February had more sunny days, also snow flurries. Coldest was zero on the 8th, highest 40 on the 22nd. Makes the people anxious to get out. Josiah Eicher tapped maple trees on Feb. 20. He didn't get much of a run yet, as it did not warm up enough through the day. He has over 700 buckets out.

Elkhart County, Ind., by Sam K. Stoltzfus

The first week of February was near or below zero with a north or east wind and snow. The second week was good for maple syrup, 20 to 30 during the night then thawed during the day. On the 18th and 19th rain, 20th very springlike weather, then rain last of week, turning to snow and cold winter weather again. Last week was sub-zero, windy, but nice sunny skies. The days are getting longer and spring seems to be around the corner.

LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash

February was cloudy with a light coat of snow the first few days. The 4th was nice and sunny, but more snow and a colder wind on the 5th. A nice sunny day on the 6th made us get out our sun glasses. Some about 6 degree temperatures, but warmer and nicer weather the next few days. Rain on the 18th and 19th, clearing off in the P. M. Crocuses are coming up nicely, grass is greening. Many farm sales are being held. Prices on cows and horses are high!

Nappanee, Indiana, by Mrs. Alvin E. Burkholder

February brought us a number of cold, windy days, mixed with rain and snow, but we were also rewarded with sunny days, unbelievably nice for this time of year. The first part of the month the temperature hovered around zero at nights, quite windy days with snow flurries. Around the 16th and 17th were some sunny days which fave one spring fever. On the 22nd we had a real stormy day; very high winds with rain turning to snow; more cold, east winds since then; but with a warming trend at the end of the month. Most maple trees are tapped, but the sugar water isn't running too much yet as weather wasn't exactly favorable. Women folks are eyeing the seed catalogue in anticipation of warmer days ahead, plus the thought, "Now which seeds do I want this year?"

by Joni D. Gingerich

The weather for February was about average, or maybe a little above, the coldest we had was 2 below on the 9th and the highest was 55 on the 28th. We had around 7 inches of snow, mostly in the first half of the month, Sunday, the 10th, was the stormiest and most disagreeable day of the month. We had 7 days of all day sunshine, and 6 days of partly sunshine, and about one and one half inches of rain. Wood cutting and manure hauling was the work among the men.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

We had a low of 5 degrees on Feb. 26th and a high of 61 on the 18th, not much moisture, had ½ inch of rain on the 6th, some snow on the 9th, .4 rain on the 19th, ½ inch on the 22nd. We had 13 nice days, 12 partly cloudy, and three rainy or snowy days for the month. Most of our nicest days were in the last part. Some plowing was done the first and last part of the month. Wheat looks nice with just the right amount of moisture.

Kokomo, Ind., by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Changeable would describe the weather in Feb. We had periods of rain, sleet, snow, and ice plus mud and nice, sunshiny days. The 22nd it was very windy and snowed, no school. Coldest for the month was 6 and warmest in the fifites. Lots of flu around. For a week, half the pupils were missing in school. Fat hogs are $39.50, and corn $3.10 a bushel.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

Most of February was very nice weather, although about the 15-16 we had heavy rains that the water was in the fields, and in some places across the road. The 18th we had 8 above, and the 23 & 24 it was cold enough to snow, and with the wind caused quite a few snow banks. Snow plows were going several days. The oiled roads are beginning to break up in some places due to heavy traffic. Some corn is being moved. The market is the highest I have ever seen it; corn $3.28 one day.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

Weather in February was mostly cool with some rain. We had a week or so of nice and warm weather. A lot of plowing and fertilizer spreading was done. The week-end of the 24th we had a freeze with some snow flurries. Some early garden things were planted in February.

Holladay, Tenn., by Mrs. Joseph Coblentz

February has been mostly mild and very wet. We had one quite cold snap the 25 & 26. Temperatures were 17 and 15, but the next morning the temp. was again up to 34. Most days were quite springlike, but no field work has been started on account of being too wet. The coldest we heard of for this winter in our area was 11 degrees. The last day in Feb. it was 50 in the morning and a strong southwest wind bringing more rain.

Reno County, Kansas, by Edward Mast

February temperatures were mild with very little moisture. We had a few small snow storms, but usually more wind than snow. Cattlemen are enjoying dry lots. Most of the wheat is greening up, but still some in danger of blowing. Quite a bit of the wheat is being top dressed with fertilizer because of the shortage last fall.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

The month of February was real nice and springlike until the eve of the 23rd it blew up real cold and started snowing. On Sunday morning there was a blanket of snow on the ground, but was soon all gone again. The last days of February brought us some more clear skies and nice sunshine. A few folks have planted some early garden, but most gardens are a little on the wet side. Wheat fields are beginning to freshen up more, the growth is small due to wet weather. Some fields are not looking very good.

Pike County, Missouri, by George D. Yoder

February weather was about normal, but variable, with cold and snow a few times, then freezing and thawing and mild weather. We have more moisture than usual, the ground is wet and soft when it warms up. Still a little corn remains in fields, but only on certain days can they husk corn.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Borntreger

The ground hog did not see his shadow this year; however, his predictions seem wrong. We had a freezing rain Feb. 6 and another ½ in. on the 18th. From Feb. 22 to 24 we had 6 in. of snow, but have had ideal weather between the rains and snow storm. We had two cold snaps; on Feb. 4 it was 12 above, and Feb. 25, 8 above. Our high on the 16th was 60. Lots of flu is going around. Big families are down with it; all but a few at a time. Two of our schools were dismissed till scholars are able to go again. It is very hard to get rid of once you get it. Market report: Milk, $6.70 for 4.0 test. Shelled corn from elevators $3.15 per bu. Bean meal dropped to $182 per ton. 40 lb. pigs $33 on Feb. 5, $31.90 on Feb. 19, 30¢ per lb. for each additional pound between 40 to 60 lbs. Hogs in the low $40's cwt. Feeder calves from high $40 to high $50. Some specials even higher. Good hay 75¢ to $1.50 per bale at auctions.

Audrain County, Mo., by Samuel D. Beachy

February was a nice month to work. The week of the 18th was rainy and muddy. We had snow on the 24th and temperature dropped to zero by morning. The last days of the month were again like spring. Shredding is mostly completed. Ezra Gingerich family is moving to Milton, Iowa, and Mose E. Bontrager family from Buchanan County, Iowa is moving here on Ezra's farm.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

Weather for February was mostly nice and mild. We did have a few unusually cold days the last week with temperature at 10 degrees one morning. Some oats were sowed around the middle of the month, rest of it last week. We are having lots of our usual spring winds the last two weeks. The big news is the arrival of several new families, Alvin and Junior Kauffmans from Oakland, Md. and Norman Beachys from Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Hog prices are down a bit while feed continues higher, pigs still steady.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

February was a fair winter month, had 5 mornings of zero and below, with 11 below on Feb. 4th. On Feb. 21 we had rain, and a heavy snow fell. Mose E. Bontrager had a farm sale Feb. 26th, moving to Clark, Missouri.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

We had around three inches of rain and a couple snow flurries. Frost is almost all out of the ground, a little plowing was done. Temperatures ranged from zero to 60 degrees. Soybeans are from $6.00 to 6.40; Corn around 3.00; Eggs, .50; Milk up to 7.26 for 3.7.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We are having colder again. It has been 4 & 5 degrees the last two mornings again, on the 25th. We also had a heavy, wet snow of 3 in. near the end of the month. We did not have so many icy roads all winter. We are looking forward to having springtime.

Blair, Wis., by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Weather for February was somewhat colder the first of the month than the latter part of January had been. A few mornings it was below zero, but towards the latter part of Feb. it was milder again. On Feb. 21 we had snow with rain mixed in. Yards are now icy. Lots of flu in the neighborhood. Some are quite sick from it. We had another raise in postage. Letters will be 10¢ after March 2, 1974.

Vernon County, Wis., by Amos U. Gingerich

February had fair days, some below zero weather. Feb. 21 we had a snow storm, snowed and blew all night and a great part of the day, Highways were open till Feb. 22, side roads a day later. On Feb. 28 the sun came out very bright and warm, but soon hid and it began to snow.

Wilton, Wisc., by Jacob D. Hochstetler

Weather for February was about average for this region. We had seven days with zero or below. The highest was 46 around the 12th. We had snow 5 different times with quite a lot of wind at times, so the roads drifted in spots. School busses did not go one day on account of drifted roads. Quite a few farm sales in Feb. with things selling high.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Levi J. Borntrager

We had a nice February all through in this area. Had some zero weather and also warmer, to freezing and above. Had a few snows and on the night of the 21st it snowed and drifted. No mail on Friday at some places. It was still windy and blew snow the next day.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

The first part of February was cold but was mostly mild with not much snow. The whole community was affected this month with the flu. The local paper called it the Victoria Flu, acute symptoms include a sore throat, headache, vomiting, chills with a temperature of 104 degrees which lasts about three days, but the overall illness can last as much as six days.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock

We had lots of sunshine but was 20 below at the coldest. We had a snow storm Feb. 4th, but was up to 40 degrees sometimes and nice sunshine, not windy in daytime. Some folks in the neighborhood had flu including my wife. I am hauling some of my grandchildren to school and then I go to the saw mill close by and work there till it's time to get the children again.

Todd Co. (Hewitt), Minn., by Mrs. William A. Yoder

Our coldest for the month of February was 8 degrees below to 46 above, not much wind, about one inch of snow left on the level, a few icy spots on the roads.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

February started out with cold, but very nice weather. The coldest in the morning was 6 degrees below zero on the 5th. Around the middle of the month it turned milder with some snow flurries and rain now and then. The last week we had some very warm and sunny days again.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

The first part of February was colder and have some snow. The latter part we had a bit warmer and some rain. Corn is selling for $3.00 a bushel and oats is 2.00. Pigs are around $50 Cwt. dressed. Ike Stoltzfus' moved here from Lancaster, Pa. on Feb. 14, Cephas Kauffmans arrived here Feb. 28 from Kalona, Iowa.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

At the beginning of February it was cold, below zero weather. The morning of the 7th it was 12 below, the 23rd it was stormy, the 28th it was raining in the morning and after dinner it was snowing.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

We had our coldest weather through February, with temperatures below zero some mornings. It usually warmed up through the day. There was snow on the ground most of the month and we had a snow storm around the 23rd. This was all melted by the end of the month and the ground was bare. Because of the high cost of grain, from $120 to $130 per ton, prices of weaner pigs have dropped at least $10 the last few weeks. Fat hogs and beef cattle are also down.

Grey County, Ont., by Noah Stutzman

The last day of January started with rain, but turned to a real snow storm. Ground hog day was nice and sunny but very cold. The following week was mostly clear and cold with a low of 19 below zero. February 10 brought us more snow and wintry weather, followed by more clear and cold days. Feb. 18 milder and more snow . The next day it warmed up to 35 and rained, then colder again with a low of 20 on the 24th. We had more than average nice, sunny days this winter, but far less than aver- snow, about 6 inches at present. Bishop Eli N. Stutzman and Pre. Jacob D. Hershberger of Tenn. were in this vicinity over one Sunday. Pre. and Mrs. Joe A. Miller and two daughters are leaving for Ohio to attend a wedding. The fuel shortage and truck strike have not affected us much here yet, except some prices are going very high.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Wilton, Wisconsin

John I. Yoder got his hand into a tablesaw and got his thumb sawed at the second knuckle. He was in Lacrosse Hospital to put in cast, which has to be on for six weeks to let the tendon knit.

There is one family that has smallpox, also quite a lot of flu in the area.

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. ACCIDENTS

Levi Kinsinger, Kirkwood R1, came home from the Lancaster General Hospital Feb. 8 after spending nearly three weeks there. He was kicked by a cow and broke his leg between the knee and hip. He had a pin put in and weights on, but is now walking with crutches.

Christ Stoltzfoos, Christiana R1, was attacked by a bull, Feb. 15th, cutting a gash in his one leg with the horn. Christ was picking up broken glass in the bull's pen. He spent five days in the hospital, and came home with crutches.

BAPTISMS

Allen County, Indiana

Feb. 10,by Bishop Samuel J. Graber
Anna Mae, dau. of Rudy and Irene (Miller) Lengacher
Rosann, dau. of Pre. Joseph R. & Rosa (Schwartz) Graber
Sarah Mae, dau. of Noah & Elizabeth (Graber) Lengacher
Elizabeth, dau. of Martin & Rebecca (Graber) Brandenberger

Elkhart County, Indiana

Feb. 24, in Middle Forks District
Howard, son of Harry and Ida (Miller) Stutzman
Lena, dau. of the late Ervin and Naomi (Miller) Slabach
Mary, dau. of Harold and Ida (Schrock) Riegsecker
Feb. 24, in Clinton Northeast District
Esther, dau. of David J. R. and Mattie (Hershberger) Miller

LaGrange County, Indiana

Feb. 3, in East Forks District
Amos, son of Erwin R. and Wilma (Miller) Miller
Larry, son of Wilbur and Wilma (Lehman) Lambright
Elsie, dau. of the late Amos J. and Katie (Hochstetler) Yoder

Feb. 10, in Howe District
Joni, son of Henry and Lydia (Bontrager) Stutzman
Jacob, son of Levi and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock
Daniel, son of Harley and Emma (Miller) Hochstetler
Esther, dau. of Manas Jr. and Lydia (Miller) Lehman
Irene, dau. of Manas Jr. and Lydia (Miller) Lehman
Esther, dau. of Erwin W. and Anna (Troyer) Yoder
Emma, daughter of Perry D. and Esther (Miller) Yoder

Nappanee, Indiana

Feb. 10, in Mose Yoder West District
by Bishop Mose Yoder
Sara, dau. of Eli I. and Lovina (Hochstetler) Miller
Feb. 10, in Henry J. S. Yoder East District
by Bishop Menno Yoder of Topeka, Indiana
Marlin, son of Floyd & Sara (Yoder) Miller, of Goshen
Harley, son of Melvin and Mattie (Fry) Schmucker
Linda, dau. of Andy and Sovilla (Schmucker) Hochstetler
Sherry, dau. of Andy and Sovilla (Schmucker) Hochstetler
Rosetta, dau. of Herman and Anna Marie (Yoder) Miller
Feb. 10, in Toby Slabaugh District
by Bishop Lonnie Slabaugh
Inez, dau. of Toby and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Slabaugh
Emma, dau. of Oscar and Barbara (Yoder) Helmuth
Feb. 17, in Jerry Slabaugh District
by Bishop Amos Lehman
Ruth, dau. of Albert and Lena (Diener) Mullet
Sara, dau. of Eldon and Mary Louise (Chupp) Miller
Feb. 17, in Lonnie Slabaugh District
by Bishop Elvie Frey of Shipshewana
Merlin, son of Dea. Levi and Mahala (Schmucker) Schwartz
Earnest, son of Johnny and Edna (Slabaugh) Schwartz
Earnest, son of Emanuel and Sara Mae (Miller) Chupp
Dale, son of Edward and Rachel (Hochstetler) Hochstetler
Betty, dau. of Floyd and Clara (Bontrager) Burkholder
Kathryn, dau. of Freeman and Susan (Bontrager) Lambric
Dorothy, dau. of Dan and Katie (Hochstetler) Slabaugh

Trenton, Kentucky

Feb. 28, by Bishop Alvin Coblentz; Townville, Pa
Wayne, son of Willis and Susie Hostetler
Ada, dau. of Alton and Katie Mast

COMMUNITY NOTES – Amherst, Wisconsin

Rosanna, 13, daughter of Daniel and Edna Schmucker was admitted to the hospital with abdominal pains on Thursday, February 21st. She underwent surgery the first evening. Her appendix was ruptured and draining. Tubes were placed in for drainage. She is to have another operation in five or six weeks, after the inside has healed to a certain extent. She was coming along O. K., till lately she ran a little temperature.

An unwelcome guest is calling at most home, the flu, which is hard to get rid of. Pleasant View had no school all week.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Guys Mills, Pa.

Daniel D. Byler broke his leg while dragging a sled built out of heavy planks out of the barn. When out side of the barn he threw the sled and one of the cross pieces caught him in the back of the leg, breaking his leg. He wore a walking cast which was removed February 28th.

MIGRATIONS – Amherst, Wisconsin

Levi U. Millers left with their personal belongings Feb. 21st for their new home in Cashton, Wis. Their machinery was loaded a week later.

Alvin Yoders intended to load truck and move to Hewitt, Minn. Feb. 22nd, but on account of the drifted roads their truck did not show up.

MIGRATIONS – Alvin Kauffman and Alvin Kauffman Jr. moved from Oakland, Md. to R1, Box 78, Marshfield, Missouri 65706.

Norman Beachys moved from Stuarts Draft, Va. to R1, Fair Grove, Missouri 65648.

The Bishop Wallace Bylers, and son Pauls, and Levi R. Schlabachs of the Hartville area are moving to the Belle Center area this spring, which is about 15 miles southwest of Kenton, Ohio.

The Melvin E. Shrock family is moving to the Danville settlement from the Barrs Mills area as soon as school is out which is about the middle of April.

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Carol City Store, Blair, 715-538-4192
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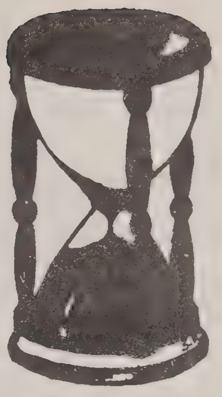
Here are a few suggestions given by our reporters regarding making telephone calls:

Whoever receives a message delivered by the person who has the phone should be willing to pay whoever brings the call, as this could be quite boring to the messenger in case he'd have to drive around quite a bit to deliver the call and wouldn't get any more out of it than maybe a thank you.

When you are making a call give your own name and location where you are calling from. If a child answers ask for a parent or older person. Tell the person you have a death message for: Name and address, ask if they will please deliver it as soon as possible. Give full name and address of person who died including name of husband or wife, if any. Tell when he died and give date and time of funeral. Tell who else is to be notified if several relatives live in that area. When completed ask the person to repeat the full message (this is very important) to check for any possible misunderstandings. There have been times when the person answering the call was not much concerned about it. Be sure they write it down. In some instances it is necessary to give a phone number so that the folks at the other end can call back. Do not ask the party taking the call to deliver it to many different folks unless you are well acquainted with the one taking the call. It is the job of the Amish folks to whom the call is directed to let others know.

The Hour Glass



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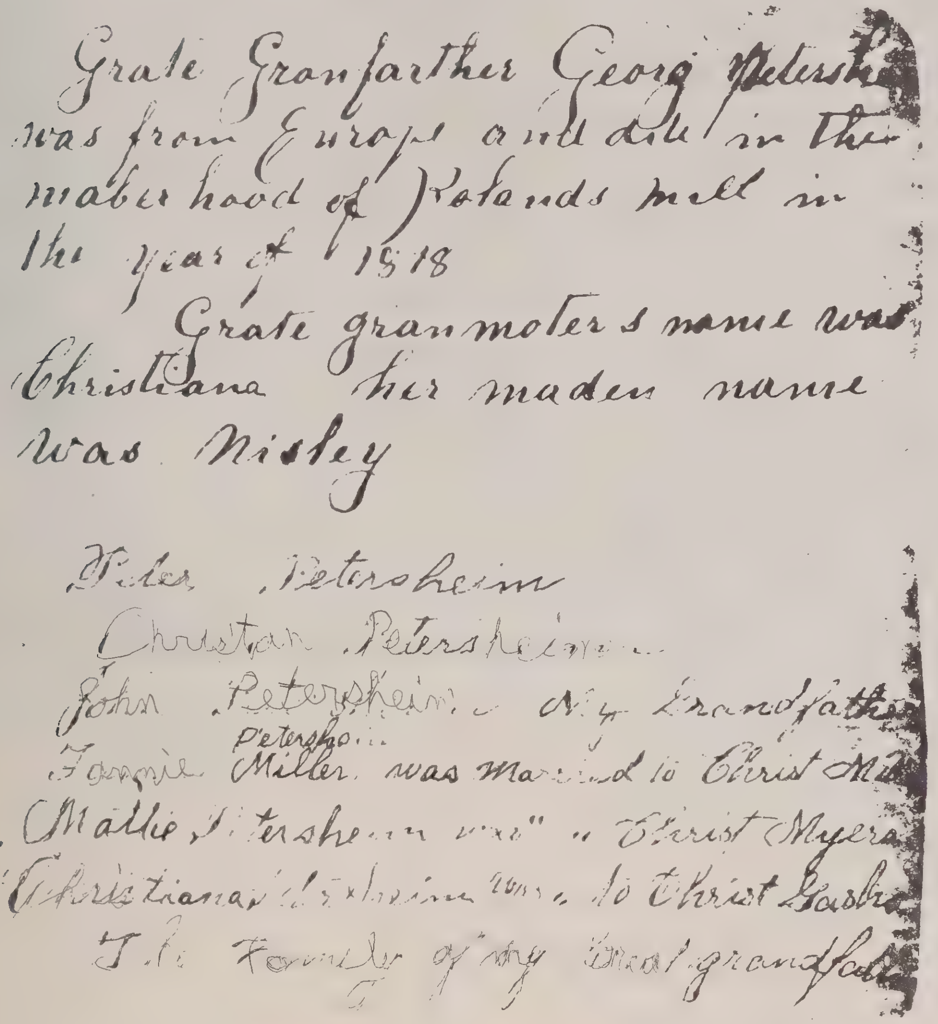

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THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

Forword

Continued from last month

The widow resided there in 1840 but in her later years she lived with her son, Abraham, near Millwood, where Pre. Daniel Dienner now lives. She is buried at Myers Cemetery.

John is buried at Millwood Cemetery, where a dated marker is planted. His dates of birth and death will appear in a following register. He is, most likely, the Mr. Petersheim who is listed in the book "Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler," by Rev. Harvey Hostetler (1912), family number 7122. He was first to Marie Hochstetler, who died at childbirth. According to tradition she is buried with infant twins at Weavertown, Pa., Resh Cemetery. John married the second time to Elizabeth Stoltzfus (see Stoltzfus Family in the 1971 volume of "The Diary," page 90, family No. 12).

Mattie married to Christ Myer, or Meyer. This family is still under study.

Christina, married to Christ Fascho, was born April 19, 1806, and died July 27, 1882. They likely started housekeeping in Somerset County, Pa. In 1837 they purchased a tract of fifty acres in Sumit Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., from Daniel Reber for one dollar with an agreement out of natural love and affection to support and maintain and care for Daniel Reber in old age (from Somerset Co. deed book). In 1848 they sold the farm to a Sheaffer and moved to Canada. They settled in Waterloo County, Ontario. In 1854 he was ordained minister in the Wellesley Church and later ordained bishop. Christian Gascho was born in France and came to America shortly after 1820 (from the Gascho Family Bible).

Family registers of each member of the pioneer Petersheim Family are to follow in the next issues.

Joseph F. Beiler

to be continued

Das zweite theil vom Solomon Beyler Brief.

Da ſeyn Mier den 9 uhr auf die Kars und den selben dag
gefahren bis in Pitzburg. dort waren Mier die selbe nacht
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waren Mier and Joseph Herzlers. dort waren Mier bÿ den
freunden bis den 9 und da gingen Mier nach Homs
Caüntÿ und den 12 ſeyn Mier nach wüſter gegangen
und da ſeyn Mier auf die Kars den 2 uhr und ſeyn
gefahren bis in Mansfilt. dort waren Mier dieselbe
nacht. den nachsten Morgen ſeyn Mier auf die Kars
und ſeyn gefahren bis an Monrovill. dort haben
Mier 4 stunden auf die Kars gewart. von dort nach
bellfü. von dort nach Tolito. dort waren Mier die
selbe nacht. den nachsten Morgen ſeyn Mier auf die
Kars und ſeyn gefahren bis in tiffen. von dort nach
weit Pichen Prerien. von dort nach Elkart
Caüntÿ indiana. von dort ſeyn Mier gefahren bis in
Goschen. von da ſeyn Mier zum Meid Joder. da
waren Mier dieselbe nacht. den nachsten dag den 15
gingen Mier 10 Meil weiter nach Hazbacht nobel
Caüntÿ zu dem Johannes Herzler. dort waren Mier
bÿ den freunden und bekanten. sie waren alle
gesund so viel Mier bekant war. da waren Mier
in der gemeint sontag den 22 bÿ dem Dafid
Kaufmen. den selben abent ſeyn Mier wieder
zurück an die Elkart Prerien zu dem Johannes
Smeili. den nachsten Morgen gingen Mier and
Christian Stuwert. von da zum Meid Joder. von
da zum Nahen Smeili. von da wieder zu dem
Johannes Smeili. (Fortsetzung folgt)

Das Zweite Theil Vom Solamon Byler Brief

Da ſeyn Mier am 9 uhr auf die Kers (Train) und den ſelben Dag gefaren bis in Pizburg(Pittſburgh). Dort waren Mier die ſelben nacht. Den nechten Morgen der 4 ſeyn Mier auf die Kers und ſeyn gefaren bis in Perredys, Wen County(Wayne County),Ohyo. Bis 4 uhr waren Mier ans Joſeph Herzlers. Dort waren Mier bey freunden bis der 9, und da gingen Mier nach Homs(Holmes) County. Und der 12 ſeyn Mier nach Wuster (Wooſter) gegangen. Und da ſeyn Mier auf die Kers am 2 uhr und ſeyn gefaren bis in Menſfilt(Mansfield). Dort waren Mier dieſelbe nacht. Den nechten morgen ſeyn mier auf die Kers und ſeyn gefaren bis an Monrowill(Monroville). Dort haben Mier 4 ſtunden auf die Kers gewort. Von dort nach Bellfui (Bellevue). Von dort nach Tolito (Toledo). Dort waren Mier dieſelbe nacht. Den nechten Morgen ſeyn Mier auf die Kers und ſeyn Gefaren bis in Tiffen. Von dort nach Weit Pechen Pereren. Von dort nach Elkert(Elkhart) County, Indianna. Von dort ſeyn Mier gefaren bis in Goſchen. Von da ſeyn Mier zum Meik Yoder. Da waren Mier diſelbe nacht. Den nechten Dag der 15 gingen Mier 10 Meil weiter nach Hapacht, Nobel County zu den Johannes Herzler. Dort waren Mier bey dem freunden und bekanten. Sie waren alle geſunt ſo fiel Mier bekant war. Da waren Mier in der gemeint Sontag der 22 bey dem David Kaufman. Den ſelben abent ſeyn Mier wieder zurik an die Elkert Perreren zudem Johannes Schmeili. Den nechten Margen gingen Mier ans Chriſtian Kunrat. Von da zum Meik Yoder. Von da zum Stefen Schmeili. Von da wieder zu dem Johannes Sahmeili. (Fortſetzung folgt)

"Let me grow lovely growing old.
So many fine things to do:
Laces and ivory and gold
And silks need not be new.
And there's healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamor hold;
Why may not I, as well as these
GROW LOVELY, GROWING OLD?"

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

There is a God who cares – hears and heeds
the humblest prayers; holds the ransomed
lest they fall, welcomes, blesses children
small; young folks understands and leads –
LOVES THE OLD FOLKS – meets their needs.

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

INFORMATION WANTED ON MILLER FAMILY

Abraham Miller, son of Jacob Miller and Miss Hartman, was born in Pennsylvania on October 1, 1801, and moved to Ohio in 1804 and settled in Salt Creek Twp., Holmes Co., Ohio. I do not know how many brothers and sisters he had, but since Abraham was married to Elizabeth Weaver on August 12, 1824 in Coshocton Co., Ohio, it is more likely that Abraham's father lived in German Twp., Coshocton Co., Ohio in 1820, and there was no Holmes County in existence till 1829. In the 1820 census it showed that Jacob Miller had 10 children, 2 males and 3 females under 10 years of age, 1 male and 3 females between 10 and 16 years of age, and 1 male between 16 and 26.

Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of David Weaver, was born in Pennsylvania about 1800. David Weaver had 7 or more children, but in the 1820 census it showed that David Weaver had 2 males and 2 females under 10 years of age, 1 male and 1 female between 10 and 16 years of age, and 1 female between 16 and 26.

Abraham and Elizabeth (Weaver) Miller had nine children, and their names were: (1) David, born April 18, 1825, married to Mary Ann Purtee and had 8 children; (2) Jacob, born about 1826, married to Elizabeth; (3) Barbara; (4) DANIEL, born June 14, 1832; (5) John; (6) Coonrad, born May 1837, was married and had 11 children; (7) Phillip, born April 10, 1840, was married to Frances Lent and had 5 children; (8) Catherine, born about 1842 and died in 1863, was married to Mr. Murtee and had 3 daughters; and (9) Mary (Polly). I have no more information on some children.

Daniel Miller was born in Holmes County, Ohio on June 14, 1832, moved to Defiance County, Ohio with his family in the year of 1847, in which year Abraham Miller died, married Abegail Layland in Coshocton County, Ohio on March 2, 1854. They had 12 children, one of their children was my great-grandfather.

I desire more information on my ancestors and will be very glad to exchange information with anyone.

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Fret not thyself that at some future time thy strength
should fail, and all thy present trustful hope
should prove of no avail.
Fear not lest some unlooked for sudden grief, some
crushing blow, should sweep away the fabric of
thy faith, and lay thee low.
SUCH FEARS ARE FAITHLESS –
Trust thyself to God, thou art His care,
He will not suffer ought to tempt thee
more than thou can'st bear!
"As thy days so shall thy strength be."

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

The Amish Church of Montbeliard, France

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What surnames were most common among the Amish of Montbeliard? A good place to find out is to run down the list of baptisms. During the period between 1750 and 1850, Graber was by far the most common family name, with 91 persons baptized. Other names that interest us today are the following: Roth-57 members; Eicher-55; Rich (Richer)-42; Hochstetler-37; Stoll-27; Krähenbühl (Grabill, Krabill)-30; Lichti-21; Frey-20; Schmucker-17; Schwartz-16; Kauffman-12; Gerig-12; Jodter (Yoder)-10; Müller (Miller)-9; Kipfer-4; Schwartzentruber-1. Other names are of course represented, but are of less interest to us today.

But speaking of names, the really startling thing is the small number of given names that were used. A quick check of the above-mentioned baptismal lists shows only six masculine names and five feminine names in common usage.

Nearly half the boys were named Hans or Christian. A count of six masculine names shows the following: Hans (108), Christian (91), Peter (80), Jacob (51), Joseph (29), Daniel (24) and all others (24). In other words, less than six per cent of the boys baptized were not named Hans, Christian, Peter, Jacob, Joseph or Daniel. (Those must have been from families with more than six sons!)

Among the girls the scores are much the same. More than half of the girls were named either Catherine or Mareÿ (Mary). The other half were mainly Annli (Anna), Bäbi (Barbara), or Freni (Verena or Veronica). These five names once again made up over ninety per cent of the total.

Which months were the customary ones for baptism? There does not seem to have been a pattern. Baptisms were performed in every month of the year. The months of April and May, however, occur most frequently.

In 1846 two young girls, daughters of Peter Meyer, were refused baptism. The reason was because they would not agree to shun their parents, who had been banned through ungodly living.

Baptism was indeed a serious matter, then as now, not something to be taken lightly. Unless the young men and women were willing to abide by the teachings of the church, they were not worthy of baptism. But if they were willing and submissive, the church could give them its blessing.

When Hans Rich baptized a class of six girls in 1787, he wrote down their names in the GEMEINDEBUCH, then added this heartfelt wish, "May the loving God give them His grace, to bring faith to a blessed (seligen) end, to which I, Hans Rich, say Amen, who baptized them before the whole brotherhood."

Marriages

The first marriage that appears in the GEMEINDEBUCH is dated March 9, 1750. It reads thus, in the original German,

> "Dato den 9 Mertzen 1750 haben sich mit einander verheürathet Hans Eicher des Jacob Eichers Sohn auf dem Burgerwalt mit Anneli Schwarri des Jacob Schwarri von Brinia, und Jacob Roth auf der Gutten hat sie zusammen kupliert."

The above example will give the reader an idea how the marriages are recorded. Some have more information, some less. In checking over the weddings, it becomes apparent that they represent a wider area than do the baptismal lists. The main reason for this is likely because one marriage partner often came from a distant congregation. The young people of the Montbeliard community must have done much visiting in other areas, if the resulting marriages are any indication.

For the 100-year period, 1750-1850, there are more than 750 marriages recorded. Some of these were actually couples at home in other communities who perhaps never in their lives visited Montbeliard. Their names appear in the marriage records because a bishop from Montbeliard officiated at the wedding, perhaps because he was a relative, or perhaps just passing through on a visit. Because of the wider area represented, a number of family names appear among the marriages that do not occur among the baptisms.

On which day of the week were weddings held in European Amish churches two hundred years ago? Today the traditional days for marriages are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Was this practice already started in Europe?

We soon learn that Tuesday was indeed a common day for weddings, but this is not true of Thursday. The only other day beside Tuesday that was common for marriages, was on Sunday. It appears that many marriages were performed either during or after the usual Sunday worship services. Many of the records state that the marriage occurred "on a Sunday, before the entire brotherhood." Only one mentions "Sunday afternoon," and that happens to have been the first marriage ceremony performed by Hans Rich.

In one fifteen-year-period, 1767 to 1782, there were 43 marriages. Of these, 21 were held on Tuesday, and 20 on Sunday. One wedding was on New Year's Day, and fell on a Friday, and one was on Saturday. A random check at a later date again shows the majority

A SAMPLE BAPTISM LIST, April 8, 1781

Auf hütt dato den 8. abrill 1781 auf der Gutten sindt ihrer 11 zur Gemeindt aufgenommen wordten durch den h. Tauff dann sie auf die Bekanntnuss ihres Glaubens empfangen haben in Gägenwardt der gantzen Gemeindt und Brutterschaft nach des Herren unseres Heillandts sein hochen Befähl, und seiner h. Apostel Lehr und Gebrucht der heilligen apostolischen Kirchen, so ist ihre Nammen wie härnach volget.

- Dem Heirri Schmucker Lehemann auf dem Bauwerans zwei Gesellen Heirri Schmucker* und sein Brutter Hans Schmucker,
- und dem Hans Graber von Beddungur sein Sohn Hans Graber
- und Willi Flückiger sein Sohn Hans Flückiger,
- und dem Hans Schadt sein Sohn Christen Schadt
- und jetz dem Hans Richen zu Beschangt sein Tocher Freini Richen
- dem Hans Willi Jost sein Tocher Katrein Jost
- dem Petter Graber sein Tocher Babi Graber
- dem Christen Willi sein Tocher Annli Willi
- dem Seimmon Hablützell sein Tocher Freini Hablützell
- und dem Petter Hochsteller sein Tocher Kratrein Hochsteller

und ich Hans Richen, Lehemann zu Beschangt, hab den h. Tauff an ihnen bedient, ich Hans Richen bezugen wie ob stadt.

*Written in the margin, "Der Heirri Schmucker ist abgefallen und Kadolisht bäschtistet worden."

of marriages on Tuesdays and Sundays, and occasionally on Mondays or Saturdays.

There is a mystery about the wedding of Daniel Graber and Barba Maurer in 1771. It took place on a Tuesday, but at night! Not much explanation is given, but there must have been one. The record says, "die Kupladtion ist zu nacht geschen von wegen etwas Unornung aber doch alles zu fritten."

It was quite commonplace to have double weddings, or even more than two couples marrying at the same time and place. On Tuesday, November 2, 1762, four couples were married in one day. They were Jacob Richen and Marie Weiss, Andres Schwartz and Marie Richen (widow), Jacob Schmuckli (widower) and Marie Tröscht, and Hans Bigler and Marie Schmuckli (widow).

Where were weddings held? Today it is common to have the wedding at the bride's home, but in those days the opposite was true—the wedding occurred at the groom's home. It would be interesting to know when and how this was changed.

Weddings occurred throughout the year, and there was no particular season for marriages.

It seems that even when weddings did occur during the week, they were not necessarily large occasions. Most of the people were very poor, and many families could hardly afford the expence of feeding a large group. According to Hans Rich's comments, there were only twelve persons attending the wedding of Hans Bürcki and Marie Widterkehr in 1780. "We were four ministers present, and eight brethren," he wrote. Perhaps the reason for this was that the bridegroom was from Basel and the bride was a maid and an orphan.

In 1773 when Christ Kennel and Bäbi Stucki were married, there were special guests present. The record reads, "Die Herrschaft ist gegenwartig gewesen." No further explanation is given. Quite possibly the government official (or officials) were acquainted with the family, or perhaps it was purely a matter of curiosity—a desire to see an Amish wedding.

There seems to have been a number of church problems connected with weddings and marriages. At the ministers' meeting at Essingen in 1779, one point that was agreed upon was this: "When a brother or sister wants to marry, it must be with the knowledge and consent of the ministers (of his home church), and if at all possible, the parents should be sent word. The marriage shall be in the Lord and not of the world."

The fact that this came up at the ministers' meeting shows that it had been a problem in some churches. At least one case such as this occurred in the Montbeliard congregation a year before the ministers' meeting, and may have been the reason the issue came up for discussion. The facts are no longer clear, but it appears as if a couple got married in the neighboring church without the home ministers being told of it.

In another instance, relations became somewhat strained between the ministers of Montbeliard and those of the Neuneich congregation in Alsace. Kasper Lindter, a young man who may have had his membership at Montbeliard, was placed in the ban because he used bad language (böse Geschwätz) toward his bride-to-be and her mother. The young man's brother-in-law, a minister of Neunerich, named Peter Rich, was pressing that he should be taken back into the church so the couple could be married. Nearly the entire ministry of Montbeliard went to Alsace to investigate the matter, but were unable to get to the root of it. Frustrated, they returned home.

At last however, under continuing pressure, one of the Montbeliard bishops did lift the ban, and Peter Rich married the couple. But none of the Montbeliard ministers attended the wedding. Hans Rich commented, "Von uns Dienner von Mümpelgardt war niemand da, dieweil uns diese Ehe gantz ergerlich vorkommt."

Hans Rich, the most widely-known bishop of Montbeliard, married at least 77 couples during his forty years as "völlige-diener." When he wrote down the names of a new husband and wife in 1788, he added this blessing, "May the good Lord give them here on earth prosperity, and after this time eternal life. Amen."

Ordinations

Ninety ordinations are recorded in the GEMEINDE-BUCH, dating from 1753 to 1879. The four different church offices are represented in this order:

51 men ordained to be preacher (Diener zum Buch)
23 men ordained to be bishops (völlige diener, or Aeltister)
14 men ordained as deacons
2 men ordained as "völlige-armendiener"

Of course, not nearly all of these ministers were ordained for the Montbeliard church. Many of them were for neighboring churches, some quite a distance away in Alsace and Switzerland.

Hans Rich himself was ordained to be preacher in 1753, evidently as a young unmarried man. (His marriage to Barbara Kauffman was in 1760.) He describes the ordination as follows: "Oct. 14, 1753 was laid upon me, hans Rich of Belchamp, the office of preacher (lehrramdt), as a helper to teach and preach the Gospel, and this was imparted to me by a day of prayer and fasting and the voice of the brotherhood; so may the loving God give His grace and rich blessings, with the gift of His Holy Spirit, that I may fulfil His holy will."

The office of "völlige-diener" is referred to also as "völlige lehramdt," and as "Eltister" (or its French equivalent, "ancien"). The term bishop is never used. It would be interesting to know when the use of "Bischof" as a synonym for "völlige-diener" first started among the Amish.

The responsibilities of a "völlige-diener" are well summed up in the GEMEINDEBUCH, and have changed very little over the years. This is the account of Michel Ritchard's ordination:

> "On the 14th of October of 1753, there was laid upon Michel Ritchard of Brisepoutot, through prayer day and fast-day and the voice of the church, the office of "völlige-diener," to have full authority in the church of God, to teach and preach, to baptize those that believe, to officiate in the Holy Supper, to join marriage couples, to bind and unbind according to God's Word, to ordain preachers for the church, and also deacons to care for the poor, . . . and also where there are irreproachable preachers who have served the church of God for a time, to ordain them as elders. And so he was ordained to this office by Michel Ritchard of Neuburg, with Claus Engel of Alsace and Jacob Roth of der Gutten, at der Gutten on the above-mentioned date, before the whole brotherhood."

In our churches today, it is customary to have four ordained brethren in each congregation—a bishop, two assisting preachers, and a deacon. This is considered the "voll zahl," the full number.

The Amish in Europe also had a plural ministry, but often with more ordained men in a congregation than we are used to today. From the accounts in the GEMEINDEBUCH, it would appear that two or three "völlige-diener" was quite common, with perhaps the same number of preachers and deacons. This was likely true only of the larger congregations.

What about the office of "völlige-armendiener?" It is mentioned only twice in the records, and does not seem to have been an office found in every congregation. It may have been used only in larger congregations where several deacons were present, and thus one of them was in this way set in a place of leadership.

Today, this office has been almost completely lost in the Amish church, while a hundred years ago there were quite a number of "völlige-armendiener" in the United States and Canada. The office was quite common in Europe. For some reason it has fallen into disuse, and the origin and purpose are no longer very well understood.

There have been other changes in the choosing and ordaining of ministers, also. It would be quite interesting to know how, when, and why these changes came about. One great change has been toward greater use of the lot. From the papers and material available, it seems clear that ministers were rarely chosen by lot in Europe, but by the voice of the church—the man getting the greatest number of "Stimmen" being the chosen one.

Today all Amish churches use the lot, with the very rare exception of when one man receives ALL the votes. How did this practice get changed? And were there perhaps good reasons for the change?

The lot was sometimes used in Europe, but it seems only when there was a tie, or a near-tie. A poem describing the Amish, and dated about 1815, has one verse saying,

"Die Diener und Prediger all,
Werden erwaehlt mit freuer wahl,
  Ein jeder gibt seine Stimme frei,
  Wer er glaubt, dasz wohl der beste sei;
Und wann sie gleiche Stimmen han,
So musz das Loos entscheiden dann."

The use of the lot is mentioned only once in the GEMEINDEBUCH, but at a very late date, 1879. There are however a number of unmistakable references that ministers were chosen by majority vote, following prayer and fasting. These, plus other writings of the Amish in Europe, show that the lot was not ordinarily used.

Deaths

The list of deaths, like the list of marriages, includes many people not actually living in Montbeliard. During the first one hundred years of the GEMEINDEBUCH (from 1750 to 1850), a total of 340 deaths are recorded. A few of these, however, were no longer members of the Amish church at the time of their deaths.

Not much information is given in these death records. Usually the date of death only is given, and the age or birthdate of the deceased is not stated. If the departed person was married, it is usually stated who the husband or wife were, and sometimes how many children survived.

When there was something unusual about a person who died, or about his death, this was often mentioned. These notes add interest to this section of the GEMEINDEBUCH, and also tell us a great deal of the problems and dangers they faced.

Accidents and diseases took their toll. It might be of interest to list some persons who died of unnatural causes.

1) Villi Graber, a young man, died suddenly while in the barn, likely of a heart attack. This was in 1759. The record says, "blötzlich im stall gestorben, ohne kranckheit zu gespürren."

2) Hans Kauffman's son of St. Suzanne was drowned "beÿ der ärtzwaschti."

3) Matthais Willrich died after falling from a hay wagon. (urblötzlich gestorben)

4) In 1768, Christen Kauffman with his hired hand were drowned by the mill (näucommülli undter der legge).

5) During the winter of 1778, two young men who were learning to be tailors died. The cause is not given. They were Peter Gäumann, 17 years old, and Hans Schwartz, about 14 years old. Both were being trained in "das schneiter handwärckt."

6) Joseph Gerrig was seriously ill ("der die hitzig krankheit hatte") and somehow drowned during the night, whether accidentally or as a suicide is unknown.

7) Hans Eicher had the misfortune one July day in 1779 to get into swift water while fording a stream, and he with his three-horse team and wagon were swept down the stream. His body was recovered five days later, down by the new mill.

8) At the sawmill near Montbeliard, the sawyer's son, Peter Meyer, got into the machinery and was killed. The record says, "unglücklicher weise unter das saggeradt kommen und ihnen hat gedött."

9) Catherine Roth was accidentally shot, and died three days later.

10) Simon Eicher died in 1804 of a fall.

11) Jacob Gaumann was attacked by two men as he was journeying the road between Belfort and Erikur. The robbers took his money, and beat him so severely that he died. (On the same day Jost Jodter, the aged "völlige-armendiener," of the Montbeliard church, also passed away, and the two men were buried in one grave.)

A number of wives died in childbirth, often leaving motherless children and a grieving husband. The death rate among children was also very high, and it was a rare family indeed where all the children grew to adulthood. In some years, most of the deaths recorded are children.

Epidemics are not mentioned in the records, but large numbers of deaths within a short time would surely indicate that they occurred. For example, in October of 1846, Hans Schad, his wife, and a daughter all died within a few weeks of each other.

Hans Rich lost his eight-year-old son Jacob to the sickness called "rothen schadten." As he wrote down the record, the sorrowing father tried to be submissive and to accept the death as God's will. In a spirit much like Job's, he wrote, "So sei der liebe Gott darfür gelobt und geprissen dass er ihn in seiner gnadt hat aufgenommen. Darzu sagt mein seel ammen."

At times Hans Rich was moved to add a word of praise for the departed brother or sister. Of Jacob Frey, 62 years old at his death, he could say, "He was a godly (frommer) brother as far as we mortal men knew." Annli Roth was "ein frommes weib." and Bäbi Graber, "ein gar ordentliches weib." Of his fellow-bishop Michel Ritchard, he wrote, "[illegible], a pious God-fearing man, an example of virtue in the church and in the world."

When another of his co-ministers, Jost Jodter, died in 1793, Hans Rich was nearly overcome with emotion. For nearly forty years they had labored together in the Montbeliard congregation. "He was a righteous (brafer) man," wrote Hans Rich, "our full minister to the poor, and a good comrade of mine (mir ein guter kamrad)".

But the comments about the dead are not always to their honor. Hans Rich was not a man to smooth over a bad situation with honeyed words. He wrote it as it was.

When young Hans Jodter died, Hans Rich described him as "an evil-natured boy." Hans von Kännell passed away in 1792, two months after his wife died. They left four children, all of whom had gone over to the Lutheran church. Upon von Kännell's death, the scribe commented, "He was a pious and God-fearing man, but he left four wicked children."

Of Christ. Willi it is written, "He neglected his children and was a wretched householder until his death, and caused us ministers and church leaders much worry and trouble, may the loving God be gracious to him, and to us all, amen."

Nor did Hans Rich spare his own relatives. His wife's brother, Jacob Kauffman, had led a rebellious life and had left the church. He is described as "a slovenly householder and a disobedient man," and at another place simply as "der ungehorsame Joggi."

Several times when older people died, their ages are mentioned, or they are referred to as "der alte." The oldest person on the GEMEINDEBUCH records is "old Hans Widtmer of Basel, who became one hundred years old." He died in 1848. Catherine Zimmerman nearly reached the century mark also, and died at the age of 98. Several others passed the 90 mark.

In the early years of the Montbeliard church, the dead were buried on or near the farms where they had lived. It seems nearly every farm had its burial plot. But in later years, the church had a cemetery "auf dem Burgerwalt," and nearly all the members of the local congregation were brought there to be buried.

A close study of the baptism, marriage, and ordination records shows that bishop Hans Rich was not very active after 1793. Whether his health failed him, or whether he took a back seat to younger men, is not known. The records seem to indicate a loss of influence in the closing years of his life. When he passed away in 1801, not even the exact date of his death is given, nor is there any praise for what he had done for the church, or credit given for his having started the GEMEINDEBUCH. The record merely says, "Hans Rich of Belchamp, the father-in-law of Hans Graber."

Following the death of Hans Rich, the GEMEINDEBUCH was officially turned over to Hans Lugbüll, a young preacher. On the cover he wrote, "Today the first day of Christ-month 1801 I received this Gemainbuch. Hans Lugbüll." In later years still others were asked to keep up the records, but none of them wrote such interesting comments as did Hans Rich.

NEXT MONTH: "A Study of the Families in the Gemeindebuch"

THE AMISH CHURCH OF MONTBELIARD, FRANCE

Part Two

- Joseph Stoll

The Amish congregation of Montbeliard was started in 1713 by families that had been expelled by the French king from neighboring Alsace. Today Montbeliard is part of France, but at that time it was ruled by Duke Leopold-Eberhard, who invited the Amish to come live on his farms. This story was told in last month's issue.

Today we know more about the Montbeliard Amish than about any other Amish community in Europe. This is because in 1750 Hans Rich of Montbeliard began a GEMEINDEBUCH, a church record, listing baptisms, marriages, deaths, ordinations, and a few births. The notes and comments that Hans Rich added give us a glimpse of what life was like in those days, and also practices and customs of the churches.

The information is not limited to one congregation. Many of the marriages and deaths are of neighboring communities, and the ordinations take in an even greater area. Because of this, we can learn a great deal from a close study of the GEMEINDEBUCH. From it we can glean many facts about the Amish in Europe two hundred years ago.

Baptisms

The first section of the GEMEINDEBUCH contains lists of baptisms. The earliest baptismal class is dated March 23, 1750, and contained three boys and five girls. They were baptized by Jacob Roth, the VÖLLIGE-DIENER of the church at that time.

Although the church was nearly forty years old in 1750, it does not seem to have been very large. The next baptism was not until six years later, at which time ten young people were baptized, this time by a visiting bishop, "der grosse Michel Ritchard" of Neuburg (Neuchatel) thirty miles to the south in what is now Switzerland. (Of interest is the note that was added later concerning one of the young men that was baptized. Simon Hablutzell had not remained true. He had fallen into sin, and then joined the Lutherans.)

By the decade of the 1770's the church showed rapid growth, with a baptism class almost every year. These classes averaged about ten members, which would indicate a fairly large community. In 1761 Hans Rich was ordained as bishop to assist the aging Jacob Roth, but Roth continued with baptisms until just before his death in 1766. That year the younger bishop Hans Rich baptized nine. Two days later old Jacob Roth died. After that, for many years (except when visiting bishops were present), Hans Rich was the presiding VÖLLIGE-DIENER at baptisms and other church functions.

Where were the baptism services held? There seem to have been several places, but the most common meeting place was on the farm called DES GOUTTES. This was the home of the early bishop Jacob Roth. Other sites were "auf dem Burgerwald" (where the cemetery was also located), and "im Taubenhaus, auf dem grossen Hirtzen." After 1775, it seems that services were held almost without exception at the farm called DES GOUTTES, and mention is made of a special room having been built for church services, perhaps an addition built to the house.

According to the records, over 800 baptisms were performed during the 100-year period, 1750-1850. Some of these were probably from neighboring districts, but the majority were from the home church. If all these members had stayed at Montbeliard, it would have meant a very large community. Many of them spread out into neighboring districts, or further. The emigration to Poland in the 1790's cost the church quite a few families.

In the 1830's migration to America began, taking care of any surplus population and thinning the ranks. Strangely, there is only one reference in the GEMEINDEBUCH that mentions America. When Hans Schallbarg died, note is made that four of his six children had gone "ins näüw lant."

Not all those baptized, of course, remained true to the church. There seems to have been a regular drain to the Lutheran church, the state church of Montbeliard. Mention is made in the records of perhaps a dozen who joined the Lutherans, but the evidence indicates that there were many more. Two instances are also given of members who left to become Catholic.

To partly balance these losses, in 1791 three members were taken in by baptism who had not been raised Amish. They were Christ Wolf and his wife of the Reformed church, and Jorg Keiser, formerly a Lutheran.

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14-YEAR-OLD BOY FOUND DEAD IN FARM ACCIDENT

Samuel K., son of Henry P. and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh, Ronks R1, Lancaster Co., Pa., died Wednesday, March 13, as the result of a farm accident. The boy had been hauling manure with a pair of mules and had been seen working at the barn. Then the boy was missed and people on the farm launched a search for him. They found the manure spreader with a broken tong and the mules down by a small stream. But still no boy. The search was widened and the boy was found in the field about 200 feet from the broken-down manure spreader. He had a massive hemmorrhage in the abdominal cavity and a ruptured spleen. It is not known what happened in the field. He may have been working on the broken tong and something happened. The wagon had not overturned and there was no evidence that the mules in any way could have figured in the accident. (See obituary)

DEATH TO YOUNG MAN CAUSED BY FALL

Lewis P. Yoder, 30, of Springs Star Route, Pa., died March 16th from injuries received in a fall. He had gone to a frolic to help build a piece to a barn. They had pulled up a rafter and Lewis was standing on a plank, when in some way the rafter got away and swung around, hitting the plank that Lewis was standing on, throwing him. He fell about 25 feet, landing on a bunk feeder. He was rushed to the Meyersdale Hospital then on to Cumberland, where they operated and removed a portion of his brain. He never regained consciousness and died the next day. (See obituary)

PALLET SHOP MISHAP FATAL TO HOLMES CO. YOUTH

Noah, 17, son of Mahlon A. and Erma (Miller) Troyer, was killed March 28th while loading pallets with a lift at his father's pallet shop. The high-lift he was operating went down over the loading dock, approximately 4 feet, and upset. He met instant death. (See obituary)

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO 20-YEAR-OLD YOUTH

Willis M. Miller, son of Mike N. Miller of Townville, Pa., died from a heart attack while visiting his girl friend Sunday evening, March 24 about 10:30. He had Rhuematic Fever as a child which affected his heart. This was the third attack since age six when he had the first attack. He had another attack at 13, and this one at 20 which was fatal. He seemed to be in good health otherwise and death was unexpected.

IND. GIRL KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

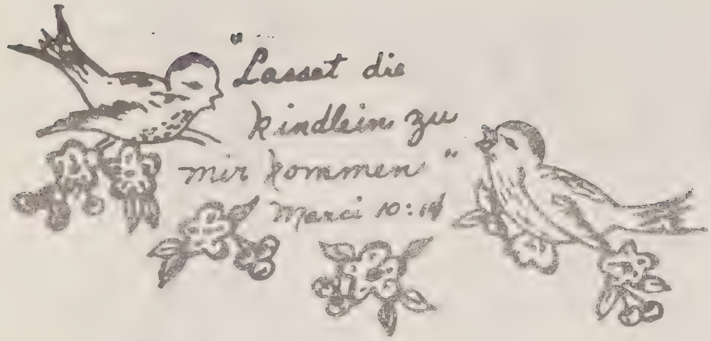
Laura U. Schwartz, 19, of Monroe R1, Ind., was killed in a two vehicle head on traffic accident Friday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 p.m., one mile south of Avilla on Highway No. 3. Laura was thrown from the car and sustained a crushed chest, fractured skull, broken legs, and facial injuries. (See obituary)

UNUSUAL HAPPENING AT GREY CO., ONTARIO

A wet snow fell on March 22nd and during the night high winds came up that rolled the snow into big balls, the largest one that we measured was 2 ft. long and 17 in. in diameter. They are all sizes, the smallest one being the size of a hand. Our pasture field is about 10 acres and I would guess that there were well over 1000 balls in this field. This is a very rare happening and so far I have not found any one who has seen it before. - by Noah Stutzman

LANTERN IGNITES BARN AT PARADISE R1, PA.

Bennie Kings' had a $7000 loss when their barn, located midway between Georgetown and Nickelmines, burned Feb. 27th at 9:45 p.m. He was painting his carriage curtain when his gas lantern upset and went in flames. Firemen arrived just in time to save the house as the roof shingles were so hot it took new shingles. These buildings were all new one year ago.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Daniel R. (Annie Beiler) Kirkwood R1 a daughter **RACHEL**, March 8

BEILER, Elmer K. (Anna M. Glick) 86 Hartman Station Rd., Lancaster, a daughter **SARAH**, February 18

BEILER, Samuel S. (Sarah F. Fisher) Christiana R1 a son **ELAM**, March 18

ESH, Amos K. (Lydia Lapp) Paradise R1 a son **SAMUEL**, March 17

ESH, Jonathan S. (Malinda S. Lapp) Ronks R1 a daughter **ELIZABETH**, March 10

FISHER, Benuel B. (Esther K. Fisher) Paradise R1 a daughter **MARY E.**, March 25

FISHER, Christian S. (Katie Allgyer) Paradise R1 a son **IVAN A.**, March 15

FISHER, Daniel S. (Fannie G. Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son **DANIEL J.**, March 29

FISHER, David E. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a son **STEPHEN WAYNE**, February 3

FISHER, David S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Ronks R1 a son **STEPHEN**, March 3

FISHER, Gideon A. (Sadie Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3 a son **JOHN**, March 3

GLICK, Amos E. (Mary Stoltzfus) 369 Mt. Sidney Rd. Lancaster, a son **CHRISTIAN**, March 4

GLICK, Christ B. (Sarah F. Kauffman) Smoketown R1 a son **ELAM**, March 12

GLICK, Eli S. (Annie K. Esh) Leola R1 a daughter **BENA**, March 27

GLICK, Simeon S. (Mary S. Zook) New Holland R1 a daughter **RACHEL Z.**, March 15

KING, Benjamin B. Jr. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a daughter **SADIE**, March 5

KING, Daniel K. (Susan Esh) Paradise R1 a son **JOHN E.**, March 20

KING, Jacob S. (Sarah E. Fisher) Leola R1 a son **REUBEN F.**, March 30

LAPP, John K. (Sally Beiler) New Holland R1 a son **REUBEN B.**, March 4

PETERSHEIM, Christian U. (Rachel E. Riehl) Oxford R1, a daughter **REBECCA**, March 19

PETERSHEIM, John D. (Mary K. King) Ronks R1 a daughter **RACHEL**, March 16

RIEHL, Henry L. (Susie A. Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son **DAVID**, March 23

STOLTZFUS, Amos J. (Sadie Fisher) Ronks R1 a daughter **ELIZABETH**, March 10

STOLTZFUS, Andrew K. (Ruth M. Dienner) Gordonville R1, a son **CHRISTIAN ALLEN**, March 23

STOLTZFUS, Elam M. (Naomi Esch) Lititz R2 a daughter **EDNA**, March 24

STOLTZFUS, Elam S. (Sally S. Beiler) Conestoga R1 a daughter **ANNA**, March 19

STOLTZFUS, Elam S. (Katie King) Kirkwood R1 a daughter **ELSIE K.**, March 19

STOLTZFUS, Israel (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1 a son **JOHN L.**, February 9

STOLTZFUS, Jacob Z. (Rebecca Fisher) Ronks R1 a daughter **ANN**, March 30

STOLTZFUS, Jonas B. (Malinda K. Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son **MARVIN RAY**, March 13

STOLTZFUS, Levi M. (Lizzie K. Esh) E. Eby Rd., Leola, a daughter **ANNIE E.**, February 12

STOLTZFUS, Reuben L. (Sadie Fisher) Atglen R1 a son **ROY F.**, March 5

ZOOK, David S. (Mary Glick) Quarryville R3 a son **SAMUEL K.**, March 25

St. Mary's County, Maryland

STOLTZFUS, Levi (Mary Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville a daughter **SARAH**, March 4

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

SMOKER, Moses B. (Annie Lapp) Lebanon R1 a daughter **FANNIE L.**, March 19

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

LAPP, Jacob M. (Mary Wengerd) Mifflintown R2 a son **JACOB**, March 26

Centre County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Christ E. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Madisonburg, a son **RAYMOND**, March 7

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

COBLENTZ, Eli D. (Katie Detweiler) Mercer R4 a son **MELVIN**, March 10

RABER, Robert A. (Esther Mullet) Clarks Mills R1 a daughter **LAURA**, March 15

WEAVER, John J. (Edna Wengerd) Mercer R4 a daughter **ELSIE**, March 8

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Dover, Delaware

MAST, Amos S. (Anna Mary Bontrager) Hartly R1
a daughter RHODA, March 5

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

KAUFFMAN, Roman (Mary Troyer) Orrstown R1
a son DANIEL, March 25

Conewango Valley, New York

KAUFFMAN, Noah (Lydia N. Shetler)
a daughter ANNA, February 15
MILLER, Abe (Anna Miller)
a son ATLEE, March 17
MILLER, Eli (Elizabeth Miller)
a son JOHN, March 7
MILLER, Roy (Fannie N. Raber)
a daughter DORA, February 8
RABER, Adam (Sarah Miller)
a daughter LIZZIE, February 19
SHETLER, Amos (Dora Miller)
a son ROY, March 3

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Daniel J.. (Malinda Miller)
a son PAUL, February 23
BYLER, Lester Lee (Malinda D. Troyer)
a son
BYLER, Mahlon J. E.. (Sarah Miller)
a son MAHLON, JR., February 15
BYLER, William W. (Alma Hershberger)
a son on March 21
DETWEILER, Robert (Edna W.. Miller)
a daughter REGINA, March 11
(The little miss is retarded and deformed.)
FISHER, Daniel D.. (Martha J. Kauffman)
a son DANIEL, March 19
MILLER, Elmer V. (Amanda J. Hershberger)
a son on March 25
MILLER, Mose J. (Ada J. Kurtz)
a daughter MARTHA, March 13
SCHMUCKER, Albert R. (Barbara Detweiler)
a son TIMOTHY, March 8
SLAUBACH, Joe M. (Esther M. Miller)
a daughter on March 27
TROYER, Mahlon J.. (Sarah J. Miller)
a son JOHN HENRY, March 14
WEAVER, Joe A. (Esther Hershberger)
a son on March 14
WEAVER, John J.. (Soville Yoder)
a daughter SARAH, March 19
YODER, Robert L.(Sarah M. Byler)
a daughter on February 20

Wayne County, Ohio

BURKHOLDER, Henry (Verna Miller) Millersburg
a son NORMAN, February 25
HERSHBERGER, Atlee (Amanda Hilty) Apple Creek
twins MICHAEL & MERVIN, March 2
KEIM, Jacob S.. (Betty Weaver) Navarre R3
a son DWAYNE, March 10
MILLER, Eli I. (Mary Miller) Apple Creek R2
a son AARON, March 19
MILLER, John J.. W. (Katie Weaver) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter IDA, March 23
TROYER, Pre. John D. (Esther Yoder) Fredericksburg
a son ERVIN, February 25
TROYER, Levi J. (Susan Miller) Apple Creek R2
a daughter ROSANNA, February 25
WEAVER, Ervin A. (Esther Yoder) Dalton R2
a daughter NAOMI, March 10
WENGARD, Melvin (Verna Miller) Fredericksburg R2
a son ROY, March 5
YODER, Eli J. (Anna V. Wengerd) Fredericksburg R2
a son ATLEE, March 19
YODER, Joe D. (Lydia Ann Stutzman) Fredericksburg
a daughter NORMA, March 11
YODER, Joseph A. (Katie Hershberger) Fredericksburg
a daughter MARY, March 7

Holmes County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Andrew (Fannie Stutzman) Millersburg R5, a daughter SARAH, March 14
HERSHBERGER, John J. (Lydia Miller) Millersburg R3
a son DANIEL, March 21
KLINE, Dan E. (Mary Ann Mast) Millersburg R5
a son DANIEL, February 17
MAST, Eli J. (Mattie M. Yoder) Mt. Hope
a daughter CAROL, March 18
MILLER, Albert M.(Ada Miller) Millersburg R5
a son JACOB, January 7
MILLER, Emanuel W. (Mary Hochstetler)
a daughter MARTHA ANN, December 18, 1973
MILLER, Joe E. (Anna Miller) Millersburg Star RT.
a daughter EMMA, October 7, 1973
MILLER, Melvin W. (Ada Schlabach)
a daughter SARAH ANN, March 11
MILLER, Raymond D. (Edna Barkman) Baltic R1
a son on March 14
MILLER, Roy (Elmina Miller) Millersburg
a daughter MARILYN MARIE, October 31, 1973
SCHLABACH, Ivan A. (Elsie Garber)
a daughter INA SUE, March 1
STUTZMAN, Levi A. (Lena Raber) Baltic R1
a daughter MIRIAM, March 2
STUTZMAN, Vernon J. (Mary Troyer) Fresno R3
a daughter on March 12
WEAVER, Ivan M.(Ada Coblentz) Millersburg R5
a daughter MARILYN, March 10
WEAVER, Lester M. (Elizabeth Schlabach) Holmesville, a daughter REGINA, March 2
YODER, Abe L. (Barbara U. Troyer) Millersburg R5
a daughter NAOMI RUTH, January 24
YODER, Andy E. (Verna Raber) Millersburg R5
a daughter LAURA, February 1
YODER, Jake A. (Ella Yoder)
a son ANDY, March 12
YODER, Levi . (Abbie Miller) Baltic R1
a daughter on March 23
YODER, Melvin (Clara Keim) Millersburg
a son MARVIN, February 22
YODER, Melvin W.. (Amanda Mast) Millersburg R5
a son REUBEN ,March 14

Danville, Ohio

WENGERD, Paul M. (Edna Nisley) Butler
a son MELVIN, March 29

BIRTHS, Continued

Ashland County, Ohio

KEIM, Perry (Katie Weaver) Greenwich R2
a son ADEN, February 25
MAST, Marvin (Ella Miller) Greenwich R2
a son ENOS, March 25
YODER, Levi (Fannie Gingerich) Ashland R1
a daughter MARY, March 26
YODER, Ura (Mary Raber) Greenwich R2
a son ADEN, February 27

Centreville, Michigan

BONTRAGER, Benjamin O.. (Freda Miller) Centreville,
R1, a son NOAH, March 24

Camden , Michigan

BRANDENBERGER, Jacob (Malinda Eicher)
a daughter JOAN, February 1

Bronson, Michigan

GRABER, Fernandis R. (Sovilla Stutzman) Orland
R1, Ind., a daughter LEANNA

Ashley, Indiana

EICHER, Josiah (Lizzie Schwartz)
a son DANIEL, March 3

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Elam (Rachel Graber) Grabill
a son BENJAMIN, March 18
GRABER, Elmer (Martha Zehr) Spencerville
a son JACOB, February 19
MILLER, Enos (Esther Eicher) Grabill
a son ERNIE, March 2
MILLER, Menno (Barbara Eicher) New Haven
a son NOAH, March 22
WICKEY, David (Margaret Brandenberger) New Haven
a son MICHAEL, March 17

Adams County, Indiana

GRABER, David R. (Katie Zook) Geneva R1
a son AMOS, in March
HILTY, Andy J. (Martha Miller) Monroe R1
a son JAMES, March 26
HILTY, Joni (Emma Graber) Geneva R2
twin sons JONAS & PETER, March 12
SCHWARTZ, Enos K. (Katie Wickey) Geneva R1
a daughter MARY ANN, in February
SCHWARTZ, Ernest K. (Elizabeth T. Schwartz) Berne
R2, a son DANIEL, March 11
SCHWARTZ, Jacob X. (Mary Wickey) Berne R1
a daughter LUCY, February 16
SCHWARTZ, Jake T. (Rosa B. Schwartz) Monroe R1
a son JOE, March 4
SCHWARTZ, Joe K. (Lizzie R. Wickey) Geneva R1
a daughter EMMA, in March
SCHWARTZ, Raymond B. (Maggie K. Hilty) Berne R1
a son JONI, March 18
SCHWARTZ, Samuel G. (Barbara F. Schwartz) Berne
R1, a daughter MARIE, March 25

Elkhart County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Orva (Katie Schrock) Middlebury
a daughter CAROLYN, February 23
MILLER, Ervin J.. (Loretta Miller) Middlebury R3
a son MERLE, March 8
MILLER, Perry Jay (Esther Miller) Middlebury R1
a daughter on March 12
OTTO, David M. (Ruth Ann Yoder) Middlebury R1
a son WADE, March 22

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Dewayne (LeAnna Yoder) Shipshewana
a son MAHLON DEAN, February 25
BONTRAGER, Freeman Jay (Mary Ellen Troyer) Topeka
R1, a daughter KATHERINE ANN, February 21
LAMBRIGHT, Perry H.(Norma Gingerich) Topeka R2
a son STEVEN RAY, March 6
MAST, Ervin Jay (Ida Mae Yoder) Wolcottville R2
a daughter ESTHER, February 21
MILLER, Dennis A.(LeAnna Hershberger) Goshen R2
a son JOHNNY, February 14
MILLER, Glen R. (Rose Anna Bontrager) Wolcottville
a son SAM EUGENE, March 4
MILLER, Mervin M. (Susie Bender) Ligonier R1
a son DEVON RAY, March 12
MILLER, Raymond (Loviana Miller) Wolcottville R2
a son DANIEL RAY, March 6
PETERSHEIM, Melvin (Ida Hochstedler) Topeka R2
a son MELVIN, JR., March 3
SCHWARTZ, Marvin (Mary Anna Lambright) Wolcottville
R2, a daughter MIRIAM, March 14
WEAVER, Freeman J. (Mary Yoder) Topeka R1
a daughter DORIS, March 6
WENGARD, David J. (Susie Weaver) LaGrange R3
a son HARLEY D., March 2
YODER, Christie (Katie Mast) LaGrange R4
a son JAMES RAY, February 20
YODER, William A.(Elsie Bontrager) Shipshewana R2
a daughter IRENE, March 22

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Jack (Margie Graber)
a daughter MARSHA FAYE, March 9
WAGLER, Simon (Keturah Graber)
a daughter JOAN, March 10

Arthur, Illinois

HERSCHBERGER, Menno (Barbara Miller)
a daughter MARY FERN, March 11
PLANK, Wilmer (Lovina C. Yoder)
a daughter WANDA ANN, February 25
SCHROCK, Min. Ervin (Amanda Miller)
a son RAYMOND, March 15
SCHROCK, Jonas (Amanda Kaufman)
a daughter LEANNA, March 17

Reno County, Kansas

BONTRAGER, Harry W. (Edith Yoder) Haven
a daughter ELLEN JANE, January 29
BONTRAGER, Merlin R. (Ida Miller) Haven
a son MARK LEE, January 16
SCHROCK, Floyd E. (Betty Sue Eash) Haven
a son NATHAN, March 25

Anabel, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Alton (Amelia Borntreger)
a daughter SARAH, February 13 (Wrong in Feb. issue)
TROYER, Albert Jay (Edna Yoder)
a son DANIEL, March 7

Audrain County, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Albert (Lena Miller) Clark
a son on March 31
GINGERICH, Jacob C. (Katie Shetler) Clark
a son SAMUEL , March 12
GINGERICH, Jonas U. (Katie Hershberger) Clark
a son JACOB, March 7
MAST, William J. (Esther Miller) Clark
a son DAVID, February ---
MILLER, Chrissie J.. (Anna Borntreger) Clark
a son MAHLON, March 13
MILLER, John Henry (Mary Bontrager) Clark
a son IVAN, March 7
MILLER, Jonas F.. (Rachel Beachy) Clark
a daughter FANNIE, March 17
PETERSHEIM, Levi J.. (Clara Gingerich) Clark
a daughter ESTHER, March 25

Pike County, Missouri
EICHER, Henry (Anna Mast) Bowling Green
a daughter SARAH, March 11
MAST, Sam A. (Anna Eicher) Bowling Green
a daughter MARTHA, March 15
YODER, Glenn (Ida Bontrager) Bowling Green
a son IVAN, March 28

Webster County, Missouri
SCHWARTZ, Milo Y.. (Katie M. Eicher) Seymour R3
a son SAM M.K., March 17
ZOOK, Sam (Leah E.. Schwartz) Seymour R1
a son DAVID, March 6

Johnson County, Iowa
BONTRAGER, William (Nina Yoder)
a son LEONARD, March 10
GINGERICH, Rudy (Mary Ann Slabach)
a daughter KATHY, February 27
HERSCHBERGER, Min. Willis (Rachel Kauffman)
a daughter FRIEDA, March 11
YODER, Melvin (Lizzie Mast)
a daughter DARLA, March 16

Buchanan County, Iowa
GINGERICH, Eli (Anna Schmucker) Independence
a son JOHN, March 13
LAMBRIGHT, Neal (Viola Hershberger) Hazleton
a son NEAL, March 19
SCHMUCKER, Melvin (Gertie Yoder) Independence
a daughter BETTY, March 7
STUTZMAN, John (Mary Hershberger) Hazleton
a daughter EMMA, March 16

Vernon County, Wisconsin
MAST Dan (Barbara J. Miller) Cashton
a daughter EDNA, March 11
MILLER, Harvey M. (Elvesta Miller)
a daughter NANCY, March 13

Milton, Iowa
BYLER, Eli (Laura Hochstetler)
a son ANDREW, March 25
MULLET, Marvin (Wilma Hershberger)
a daughter ESTHER, February 22

New Glarus, Wisconsin
HERSHBERGER, Joseph (Katy Ann Kramer)
a daughter JULIE ANN, February 13

Medford, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Roy (Katie Mae Miller)
a son DANIEL, in February

Milverton, Ontario
JANTZI, Dan (Anna Kuepfer) Milverton R1
a son MANUEL, March 10
KUEPFER, Peter (Lydia Jantzi) Milverton R2
a son JONAS, March 13

Mt. Elgin, Ontario
BORNTRAGER, David Perry (Ada Miller)
a son JOE, March 22
KAUFFMAN, Henry (Esther Stutzman)
a son EDDIE, March 11

Aylmer, Ontario
STOLTZFUS, Isaac (Anna Smucker)
a daughter MALINDA, March 5

Grey County, Ontario
MAST, Ezra J. (Esther Gingerich) Desboro R1
a daughter LIZZIEANN, March 18
YODER, Andy D. (Fannie Miller) Desboro R1
a son ANDREW, March 24

Norwich, Ontario
SHETLER, John D. (Anna E. Gingerich) Tillsonburg R7, a daughter JEMIMA, March 20

TWO HOUSES BURN AT BOWLING GREEN, MO.

On account of visiting ministers the Northeast regular church services were held at Eli E. Yoders Jr. on Monday, March 25th. Bishop Jake Millers, Andy Yoders and five children, and others from other districts attended. While we were singing the "Loblied" word came to the church that Andys' house was burning down, so Andys' and Bishop Jake Millers' and a few others left for the fire. When they arrived the fire truck and neighbors were doing what they could but the big house could not be saved, it burned down with most of its contents. Jakes' "Dody House" was also badly burned, but they want to repair and rebuild it right away. The contents of their house was mostly saved. Only two children, aged 8 and 10, were in the house, and a 16-year-old boy was at the barn when the fire was discovered. The fire started in an upstairs room where the stove pipe came up through the floor. Being church was there on March 17th the church benches were still there, and all but two of them burned, the Ausbund Lieder books also burned. Andys' have a small house ¾ mile away to live in, and five days after the fire they said they already had plenty of household goods given to them.

OBITUARIES

ESH, Samuel K., 14, Ronks R1, Pa.

died March 13 in a farm accident (see front page). Born in Upper Leacock Twp. he was a son of Henry P. and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 11 brothers and sisters, Benjamin H., Ronks R1; Amos K., Paradise R1; John K., Loganton, Clinton County, Pa., Christian K., Bird-in-Hand R1; Rachel, wife of Stephen S. Fisher, Loganton; Henry R., Anna K., Elmer K., Malinda K., Sarah K., and Stephen K., all at home; the paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Annie Esh, Leola, and the maternal grandfather, Benjamin Kauffman, of Christiana R1

Funeral services were held at the home at 8:30 a.m. March 16th, anfang by Samuel K. Fisher, main serman by Ephraim D. Riehl; Hymn at the home read by John Kauffman, page 444 in Unpartheyisches Gesangbuch, page 478 at the graveyard; abschied by Bishop Aaron Esh. Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

GARBER, Eli A. 56, Sugar Creek, Ohio

died March 29. He was born April 12, 1917, a son of Amos N. and Fannie (Yutzy) Garber. He is survived by his wife, Edna (Yoder) Garber, 2 sons, and 2 daughters.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 1, by Bishop Noah J. Coblentz.

HERSHBERGER, Mattie D., 70, Apple Creek R1, O.

died Tuesday, March 5, after a short illness. She was a daughter of the late David E. and Sarah P. (Miller) Yoder. On Feb. 8, 1940 she was married to Menno J. Hershberger, who preceded her in death in 1964. Surviving are 4 step-daughters, Mrs. Dan A. (Annie) Yoder, Apple Creek R2, Mrs. Peter W. (Mattie) Miller, Apple Creek R1, Mrs. Christ D. (Lovina) Hershberger, Dalton R2, and Mrs. David J. (Susan) Mast, Apple Creek R1; 2 step-sons, Dan M. and Henry M. Hershberger, Apple Creek R1; 1 sister and 1 brother, Katie D. and Eli D. Yoder, both of Fredericksburg.

Funeral services were held March 8 at the Henry M. Hershberger residence by Bishop Abe D. Yoder.

HILTY, Peter, 76, Berne R1, Indiana

a widely known retired farmer, died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 3rd. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He had been ailing for four years and was seriously ill since December 29th. He had recently returned to his home from the Adams County Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient several weeks. He was born Feb. 19, 1897 in Adams County, a son of Joseph and Anna (Schwartz) Hilty, and was married Feb. 8, 1942 to Elizabeth Hostetler following the death of his first wife, the former Emma Schwartz. Surviving are his wife, and 11 children: Mrs. Jacob (Lydia) Schwartz, Bowling Green, Mo., Joe E. and Dan E. Hilty, Monroe R1, Levi E., Holmesville, O., Menno E., Apple Creek, O., Mrs. Noah R. (Mary) Schwartz and Mrs. Chris R. (Elma) Schwartz, both of Monroe R1, Emma and William, both at home, Amos E. and Joni E., both of Geneva R2; the following step-children, Mrs. Amos (Emma) Wickey, Berne R1, Mrs. Amos B. (Fannie) Schwartz and Tobe Swartzentruber, Geneva R2; 83 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren; and the following brothers and sisters, John Hilty, Bryant, Sam and Jacob Hilty, and Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Schwartz, all of Geneva R2, Chris Hilty, Berne R1, and Mrs. Jacob L. (Maggie) Schwartz of Seymore, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6th at the home. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

KNEPP, Joel, 77, Montgomery R1, Indiana

died at the Daviess County Hospital at 9:15 a.m. Monday, March 25. He had been in failing health a couple of months and was seriously ill four weeks. Born in Barr Township, July 12, 1896, a son of John and Elizabeth (Delegrange) Knepp, he was married to Elizabeth Graber, Dec. 25, 1917. Surviving besides his wife are one son, Harry Knepp, Montgomery R1; three daughters, Mrs. Andrew (Ruth) Overholt, Montgomery R1, Mrs. Leroy (Marie) Overholt, Blountstown R1, Fla., Mrs. David E. (Lillian) Yoder, Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers, John Knepp, Montgomery R1, and Victor Knepp, Odon; one sister, Mrs. Mary Gingerich, Washington; 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. One brother and one sister have died.

Funeral services were held at the Ervin Knepp residence, by Pete Graber of Etna Green, and Joe Bontrager of Nappanee; burial in the Stoll Cemetery.

LAPP, John U., 60, Gordonville R1, Pa.

died unexpectedly at his home Thursday evening, March 7, from a heart attack while doing his evening chores. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia (Lapp) Lapp, 5 daughters and 2 sons: Rachel, wife of John Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1, Hannah, wife of Samuel F. Glick, Gordonville R1, Lizzie, wife of Samuel B. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Sylvia Ann, wife of Samuel King, J. Elmer Lapp, Coatesville R2, Verna Mae, wife of Elmer King and Mose at home; two sisters and one brother, Mary, wife of Daniel M. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, Sarah, wife of Christ S. Beiler, Gordonville R1, and Amos M. Lapp, Kinzers R1.

Funeral services were held at the late home March 9th, opening by Jonathan F. King, main sermon by John K. Lapp, hymn by David K. Blank; hymn at graveyard by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus, Millheim, Pa., abschied by Aaron F. King; burial at Millwood.

NISLEY, Abner D., 73, Millersburg R3, Ohio

died Thursday morning, March 7, in his home after a short illness. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of Dan J. and Fannie (Troyer) Nisley. Surviving are his widow, Barbara (Beachy) Nisly, five daughters and five sons, Fannie, Lizzie, Amanda, Lovina, and Henry of the home, Mrs. David A. (Verna) Barkman, Fresno R3, Jonas of Butler R2, Ohio, Emanuel of Baltic R1, Mose of Millersburg R2, and Dan of Millersburg R3, and 38 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday, March 9, by Bishop John J. C. Yoder. Burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery.

MILLER, Willis M., 20, Townville, Pa.
died from a heart attack March 24 (see front page). He was a son of Mike N. Miller. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 28.

OTTO, Linda Jane, 1 day, of Arthur, Illinois
daughter of Leroy and Sarah Jane (Stutzman) Otto, died at 1 p.m. March 19. This was one of Mrs. Eli Otto's great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 19 at 2 p.m.

RABER, Joseph M. 79, Hicksville R2, Ohio
died early Sunday morning, March 10, at the home of a son, Jacob. He was born June 29, 1894 at Loogootee, Ind., a son of Manasses and Katie (Graber) Raber, and married Hannah Graber in 1915. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Noah (Fannie) Wagler of Montgomery, Ind., Mrs. David (Edith) Stoll and Mrs. Ezra Graber of Loogootee; five sons, Jacob of Hicksville, Ohio, Amos of Hartville, Ohio, David of Montgomery, Ind., Daniel of Clark Lake, Mich., and Henry of Jerome, Mich.; 34 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held early Monday morning in Hicksville, then the body was taken to Montgomery where services were held Wednesday morning at the Noah Wagler home. Burial was in the Stoll Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Laura U., 19, Monroe R1, Indiana
was killed in a traffic accident Feb. 22nd (see front page). She was born in Monroe Twp. Sept. 24, 1954 a daughter of Jacob D. and Anna (Hilty) Schwartz. Surviving are the father and stepmother, now residing in Sugarcreek, Ohio; three brothers, Daniel U. Schwartz, Berne R1, Chris U., White Pigeon, Mich., and Joe U., Monroe R1; and two sisters, Mrs. Dan D. (Mary) Wickey, Bryant, and Mrs. John H. (Esther) Schwartz, Monroe R1.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the home of a brother, Joe U. Schwartz. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

SHETLER, Roy, 16 days, Conewango Valley, N.Y.
son of Amos and Dora Shetler was born March 3, died in Buffalo Childrens Hospital March 19, where he had been since soon after birth. Surviving are the parents and one sister.

Funeral services were held March 20 at 1 p.m. by Eli Y. Hostetler.

STOLTZFUS, Benuel K., 7 days, Kirkwood R1, Pa.
son of Daniel and Sarah (Miller) Stoltzfus, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in his home. Surviving besides his parents, are a brother, Joseph; paternal grandparents, Benjamin K. and Anna Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller of Bird-in-Hand R1; paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Arianna Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1; and maternal great-grandmothers, Mrs. Annie Miller and Mrs. Sally Stoltzfus, both of Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held March 2, in the home, by John B. Miller and David Riehl. Burial was in Fisher's Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Phares, 72, Ronks R1, Pa.
died Wednesday, March 13, at Lancaster General Hospital where he had been admitted Tuesday evening after suffering a heart attack in his home. Born in West Earl Twp., he was a son of the late Jacob S. and Fannie B. (Stoltzfoos) Stoltzfus. He is survived by his wife, Annie (King) Stoltzfus and 11 children, Jacob K., Leola; Sarah, wife of Amos B. King, Lancaster R4; Fannie, wife of Jonathan H. Beiler, Pleasant Hall, Franklin Co., Pa.; Rebecca, wife of David L. King, Ronks R1; Daniel K., Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Lena, wife of Melvin Z. King, Leola; Lizzie, wife of Abram Z. King, Bird-in-Hand R1; Mary, wife of Gideon S. Beiler, Leola; Moses K., Ronks R1; John K., at home; and Katie, wife of Levi L. Stoltzfus, Paradise R1; 54 grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters, Sarah, wife of Henry King, Lebanon R1; Emma, wife of Elmer D. Stoltzfus, Leola; Miriam, wife of Jacob B. Zook, Lancaster R5; Annie, wife of Levi Glick, Leola R1; Lena, Bird-in-Hand R1; Rebecca, wife of Morris Zook, Honey Brook R1, and Paul Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday, March 15, by Elam Stoltzfoos and Amos E. King; hymn by Amos Esh, hymn at graveyard by Abram K. King; abschied by John Glick; burial was in Myers Cemetery.

TROYER, Delbert, 1 year, of Jamesport, Mo.
son of Vernon and Mary Troyer, was born Feb. 15, 1973, died of Sugar Diabetes March 1. Surviving are his parents, four brothers and three sisters, all at home; grandparents, Jonas Troyer of Jamesport, Mo. and Dan Hershbergers of Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

TROYER, Noah M., 17, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio
was killed at his father's pallet shop March 28 (see front page). He is survived by his parents, Mahlon A. and Erma (Miller) Troyer; one sister, Mary; one brother, Willis; paternal grandparents, Bishop Andy N. Troyers; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna (Mast) Miller and one great-grandmother, Mrs. Susan (Zook) Schlabach, 92.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 31, by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger of the home church, and by Nathaniel N. Miller and Calvin Lambright of Topeka, Ind.; by Alvin A. Hershberger and Jonas D. Yoder at a neighbor's house.

WAGLER, Abraham C., age 9, Odon R2, Indiana
died at 8:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at the Daviess County Hospital of complications from influenza. He had been ill for a week and seriously ill two days. He was born Dec. 30, 1964 a son of Cletus and Katie (Stoll) Wagler. Surviving besides the parents are two brothers and two sisters, Marvin Ray, Amos, Fannie Marie and Rosanna, all at home; grandparents, Joe Stolls of Loogootee R2, and Peter Waglers of Montgomery R1, and a great-grandfather, Bishop John L. Graber of Montgomery R1.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 24, at 12:30 p.m. at the home, by Joseph L. Graber. Burial was in the Stoll Cemetery.

OBITUARIES, Continued

WENGERD, Menno D., 74, Mifflintown R2, Pa.
died in Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, two weeks after surgery on ballooned blood vessels. He died of pneumonia and heart failure. He was born near Berlin, Holmes Co., Ohio on June 22, 1899, a son of Dan C. and Mary (Miller) Wengerd, died March 15 at the age of 74 yr., 8 mo., 21 days. He was baptized in 1918 by Bishop Abe Yoder, and married to Mattie Weaver in Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 18, 1934 by Bishop Sam L. Mast. He had been a blacksmith by trade in Ohio in his young years, and started farming in 1947 and moved to Juniata Co., Pa. in 1952. He is survived by his wife, an invalid on a wheel chair from a stroke a year ago, 5 sons and 4 daughters, Eli and Dan of Belleville, Aden, Andy and John of Juniata Co., Mrs. Sam R. (Ada) Kanagy, Mrs. Levi R. (Elizabeth) Kanagy, Mrs. Moses A. (Emma) Kanagy, and Fannie at home, all of Mifflintown R2; also a brother, Eli, and 2 sisters of Ohio.

Funeral services were held in the big house by Pre. Korie M. Yoder and Sam Y. Beiler, and in a neighbor's house by Abie Renno and Christ Y. Hostetler. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery near Van Wert, two miles north of his farm home.

YODER, Lewis P., 30, of Springs Star Rt., Pa.
died March 16 from injuries received in a fall (see front page). He was born Sept. 28, 1943 in Elklick Twp., a son of Pete A. and Anna Dora Yoder. Surviving are his wife, Annie, his parents, four sons, Ray, John, Pete and Moses, and two daughters, Martha and Rhoda, all at home; two brothers, Floyd Yoder, Mifflintown, Pa. and Albert Yoder of Salisbury R1; four sisters, Mrs. Noah (Esther) Brenneman, of Middlefield, Ohio, Mrs. Ernest (Barbara) Brenneman, Grantsville, Md., Mrs. John (Sarah) Fisher, Salisbury R1, and Mrs. Levi (Effie) Fisher, Springs Star Rt.; also his paternal grandparents, Albert and Sadie Yoder.

Funeral services were held March 19 by Jonas Yoder of Delaware and Bishop Bennie A. Yoder of the home church.

YUTZY, Enos, age 19, of Fairbank, Iowa
died Feb. 16 at University Hospital, Iowa City, from injuries received in a car accident (see front page, Feb. issue). He was a son of Pre. John D. and Katie (Helmuth) Yutzy. Surviving are his father, mother, five brothers and six sisters, Mrs. William (Alberta) Miller, Mrs. David (Elizabeth) Miller, Mrs. Ivan (Mary) Shetler, Mrs. Henry (Martha) Schwartz, David, married to Katie Shetler, Mrs. Perry (Emma) Miller, Harley, married to Lizzie Ann Shetler, John Jr., Ervin, Kathryn, and Ferman, at home; also a girlfriend, Anna C. Miller, and a stepmother.

ZEHR, Jonathan, 70, of Newton R1, Ontario
died Wednesday, March 13, in the Stratford Hospital of heart trouble. He was born January 13, 1904 in Mornington Twp., a son of the late Daniel and Maria (Wagler) Zehr. He is survived by his wife, Leah (Kuepfer) Zehr; two sons, Aaron Zehr, Linwood R2, and Samuel, Milverton R2; four daughters, Mrs. Rufus (Sarah) Kuepfer, Newton R2, Mrs. Enoch (Mary) Streicher, both of Milverton R2, and Mrs. Solomon (Rebecca) Jantzi, Newton R1; three brothers, Solomon, Daniel and Cornelius, all of Newton R1; one sister, Mrs. Solomon (Bena) Albrecht, Newton R1, and 39 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, two grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held at the Rufus Kuepfer home Saturday, March 16, by Menno Albrecht and Harvey Jantzi. Burial was in 7th line of Mornington Cemetery.

MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Hershberger – Henry, son of Eli and Katie Mast, to Rosa, daughter of Jonas and Lydia Hershberger, March 7, by Bishop John J. Yoder.

Beachy, Miller – Daniel Jay, son of Mrs. Matilda Beachy, to Mary Ann, daughter of Dea. Mahlon and Lydia Miller, March 14, by Bishop Tobias J. Detweiler of Jamesport, Missouri.

Troyer, Yoder – David, son of Simon and Susann Troyer, to Lena, daughter of Bishop Dan and Malinda A. Yoder, March 28, by Bishop David S. Troyer of Holmes County, Ohio.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Zook, Fisher – Widower Levi K. Zook, son of Isaac and Mary (King) Zook, Gap R1, to Miss Sadie L. Fisher, daughter of Lizzie (Lapp) and the late Levi S. Fisher, Gap R1, March 28, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Hochstetler – Eli, son of Jacob E. Bylers, to Mary Ann, daughter of John H. Hochstetlers, March 21, by William Mullet.

Conewango Valley, New York

Shetler, Wengerd – Joe, son of Mose N. and Amanda (Yoder) Shetler, to Anna, daughter of Eli J. and Amanda (Miller) Wengerd, March 7, by Bishop Menno E. Miller.

Shetler, Troyer – Johnny, son of Mose B. and Martha (Hochstetler) Shetler, to Susan, daughter of Susan and the late Sam S. Troyer, March 12, by Bishop Dan J. Troyer of Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Holmes County, Ohio

Troyer, Miller – Raymond, son of Ben A. Troyers of Sugarcreek, to Katie, daughter of Monroe J. Millers of Saltilo, March 19, by Bishop Joe M. Hershberger.

Yoder, Raber – Eli, son of David M. Yoders, to Annie, daughter of Mose B. Rabers, March 21, by Bishop John J. C. Yoder.

Miller, Burkholder – Jonas, son of Levi Millers, to Martha, daughter of Henry and Sarah Burkholder of Millersburg R5, March 30.

Geauga County, Ohio

Byler, Miller – Allen, son of Joe J. and Cora M. (Miller) Byler, to Mary, daughter of Ervin J. and Edna A. (Mast) Miller, February 21.

Miller, Yoder – Andy, son of Deacon Jonas A. and Sarah M. (Troyer) Miller, to Betty, daughter of Joe J. and Lizzie D. (Hostetler) Yoder, April 4.

Adams County, Indiana

Hilty, Schwartz – Jake J., son of Menno Hiltys, Grabill R2, to Melinda N., daughter of Noah L. Schwartzs, Monroe R1, March 10.

Graber, Coblentz – Amos J., son of Jonas Grabers, Geneva R2, to Mandy J., daughter of Jake Coblentzs, Berne R1, March 17.

Troyer, Christner – Sam, son of Sam Troyers of Snyder Co., Pa., to Ida C., daughter of Al Christners of Berne R2, Indiana, March 21.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Raber – David, son of Irvin E. and Elnora (Troyer) Bontrager, to Anna, daughter of Jacob and Mattie (Petersheim) Raber, March 7.

Lambright, Yoder – Perry L., son of Levi and Ida (Miller) Lambright, to Malinda, daughter of Jonas and Ida (Miller) Yoder, March 7.

Miller, Petersheim – Levi, son of Ezra J. and Anna (Yoder) Miller, to Mattie, daughter of David and Susie (Yoder) Petersheim, March 14.

Lambright, Yoder – Larry, son of Wilbur and Wilma (Lehman) Lambright, to Ruth, daughter of Will and Katie (Frey) Yoder, Mar. 14, by Bishop Elvie Frey.

Miller, Hochstedler – Floyd, son of Albert and Rachel (Yoder) Miller, to Mary Anna, daughter of Bishop Ervin and Sarah (Miller) Hochstedler, Mar. 14.

Beechy, Schrock – John, son of William and Malinda (Schwartz) Beechy, to Wilma, daughter of Levi J. and Mary W. (Bontrager) Schrock, March 28.

Miller, Yoder – Wilbur, son of Roy and Edna (Hochstedler) Miller, to Carolyn, daughter of Elmer C. and Ida Yoder, March 28.

Yoder, Beechy – Daniel J., son of Jonathan and Clara C. (Miller) Yoder, to Susie, daughter of John W. and Fannie (Nisley) Beechy, March 28.

Yoder, Miller – Elmer D., son of David S. and Ada (Mast) Yoder, to Irene, daughter of Joas E. and Gertie (Yoder) Miller, in March.

Kokomo, Indiana

Herschberger, Schrock – Widower Joe A. Herschberger, Amboy, Indiana, to Widow Mrs. Menno (Emma) Schrock, Arthur, Illinois, March 17.

Arthur, Illinois

Schrock, Diener – Roger P., son of Phenis Schrocks, to Anna Mae, daughter of Enos M. Dieners, March 14.

Haven, (Reno County) Kansas

Petersheim, Bontrager – David, son of Joe and Mattie (Yoder) Petersheim, to Lydia Loretta, daughter of Jonas J. and Alma (Schrock) Bontrager, both of Haven R2, March 26, by Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager.

Jamesport, Missouri

Beechy, Kauffman – Junior, son of Levi and Helen (Schrock) Beechy, to Edna Mae, daughter of Dan and Arie (Miller) Kauffman, March 24, by Chris Kauffman of Milton, Iowa.

Seymour, (Webster County) Missouri

Schwartz, Hershberger – Aaron N., son of Peter M. Schwartz of Saymour, Mo., to Mattie B., daughter of Ben M. Hershberger of LaGrange, Indiana, April 4.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Shetler, Helmuth – Levi, son of Bishop Atlee Shetler, to Elizabeth, daughter of Pre. Dan A. Helmuth, March 12, by Bishop Atlee Shetler, Independence, Ia.

Medford, Wisconsin

Miller, Borntrager – Clemens, son of Joe H. and Lydia (Borntrager) Miller, to Anna, daughter of Jonas V. and Barbara (Borntrager) Borntrager, March 14.

Vernon County, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Kauffman – Phenis, son of Joe C. and Mattie Borntreger of Wilton, Wis., to Sadie, daughter of Chester and Elmina (Hershberger) Kauffman, March 28.

Norwich, Ontario

Stutzman, Miller – Jacob, son of Levi J. and Mary (Weaver) Stutzman, to Mary, daughter of Levi A. and Katie (Stutzman) Miller, March 7, by Abe Troyer.

Milverton, Ontario

Schmidt, Jantzi – Mahlon, son of Daniel and the late Marie (Steckley) Schmict, Milverton R1, to Erma, daughter of Sam and Tena (Schwartz) Jantzi, Millbank R1, March 21, by Bishop Clarence Kuepfer.

Albrecht, Wagler – Melvin, son of David and Sylvia (Kuepfer) Albrecht, Milverton R1, to Catherine, daughter of Aaron and Fannie (Kuepfer) Wagler, Linwood R1, March 28, by Bishop Amos Albrecht.

Grey County, Ontario

Yoder, Swartzentruber – Roman, son of Dan M. Yoder of Desboro R1, to Lydia, daughter of Sam L. Swartzentruber of Chesley R4, April 4, by Bishop Eli Stutzman from Ethridge, Tessessee.

Community Note – Anabel, Missouri

March 17th on the way to church the horse David J., son of John Borntrager, was driving became uncontrollable when turning into the driveway and turned the buggy over, demolishing it. David and his sister, Lena, got bumps and bruises. John Henry hurt his hip and head so he was quite confused for a few hours and wasn't able to return to school for a few days.

REPORTERS! Please write on only one side of paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Material on reverse side might be lost or overlooked. Write your locality at the beginning of each subject and your name with the crop and weather report. Thank you. S. E. F.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Pinecraft, Florida, by Mose B. Miller

We have had only about one and one half inches rainfall for March. The water level is lower than it ever has been at this time of year. Lawn and garden watering is restricted to two days a week. Temperature has been from a low of 60 to a high of 85. Celery harvest is still in swing. Strawberries are ripe and sell for 30¢ a pint at local stores. Sweet corn is in too. Apples are scarce and high priced. There is still plenty citrus at $2.00 a bushel, tree ripe. The tourists are leaving fast.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

The first helf of the month was very mild and warm, early gardens were planted. The last half brought more cold wet weather, with a total of 6.8 inches rain for the month. Highest temperature was 75 degrees on the 4th and lowest was 20 on the 13th and again on the 15th. Farmers did a lot of plowing, hauling manure and fertilizer. Not many spring oats are sowed in this area. Pastures and leghumes are well started. Fertilizer prices are nearly double what they were a year ago. Seed potatoes are up to $25 Cwt. Purple martins did not arrive this spring till April 1st. This is two weeks later than usual.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The first week or ten days we had springlike weather with the temperature as high as 89, which really brought out the buds. Coldest for the month was 24 degrees on Tues., the 26th. We had three thunder storms and about 6½ in. rain, three of which fell the last three days. Most all plowing is done already, which is unusual. Lawns, pastures and grain fields are bright green and have been for most of the month.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 3.1 inches.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, $45 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle, $35 to $52 Cwt.; Veal, $35 to $78 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $27 to $36 Cwt.; 40 lb. Shoats, .72 to .80 lb.; Dairy Cows at New Holland sold $480 to $1060 a head; Mules fetch as high as $3,000 a pair; Heavy Fowl, .20 to .25 per lb.; Roasters, .38 lb.; Pullets, .41 lb.; Ducks, .51 lb.; Turkeys, .43 lb.; Rabbits, .85 lb.; Guineas, $1.07 lb.; Potatoes, $12 Cwt.; Seed Potatoes, $18 Cwt.; Eggs, large, .60 doz.; Hay, $40 to $100 Ton; Straw, $43 to $56 Ton; Ear Corn, $80 to $85 Ton, 3.10 bu.; Wheat, 5.00 bu.; Barley, 2.40 bu.; Oats, 1.85 bu.

by Elam S. Beiler

Some plowing was done every month this past winter especially during March. Plows nice, even if the ground was not froze deep at anytime. Some farmers are almost done plowing except where they want to haul manure yet. So much plowing done before the first of April is very unusual in this area. Alfalfa and mixed grass were sowed in latter part of February or beginning of March in winter wheat fields. Quite a lot of straight seeding (expensive) alfalfa was sowed latter part of month. Some interest in potato farming is showing up as potato diggers, planters, graders, and seed potatoes are bringing record prices at farm sales; everything else is too; where a few years ago they were sold at jumk prices. Wheat fields, meadows, and lawns show very little green although rye fields are showing color. Most of tobacco bed steaming and sowing is done now. Peas, onions, potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, and red beets are planted in gardens.

by Ammon F. Fisher

March started with hard thunder shower and high winds, fairly nice, and warmer through March. St. Patrick's Day, the 17th and 18th were very windy. The 25th it turned colder with a few mornings of 20 degree temperature. The last three days were damp with rain, sleet and snow at times. The 30th had a thunder shower. The total rainfall was 4.7 inches for March. Men folks were busy attending farm sales, shaking their heads at high prices. The better farmers are able to make it, but us poorer farmers have to roll up the shirt sleeves another few turns and try and get with it, maybe beg the cows for a little more milk. Women were busy attending quiltings and getting last reports up to record. A lot of plowing done so far, alfalfa patches were seeded, also quite a few tobacco beds seeded. Tobacco isn't all sold yet, what was sold so far was bought at 50 to 56¢ per lb. Some farmers are itching to plant potatoes when it gets fit again.

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens L. Nissley

The forepart of March was on the mild side with a mixture of rain, snow, and sunshine, real sap weather. Colder spell the 21st, morning of 22nd was 4 above, coldest of the month. It snowed all day the 30th, morning of 31st we had 12 in. of heavy snow, lots of tree limbs and a few power lines down. Farmers are boiling sap, quality and quanity is good. Some plowing was done in fore part of month.

Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of March was rather mild, had some rainfall, several cold spells, had a lot of high winds, several weeks of good plowing weather. On the 30th we had about all kinds of weather, freezing rain mixed with sleet, snow in the afternoon, then to top it off a thunder storm in the evening. Fertilizer is a scarce item this spring, seed potatoes are also high priced and hard to buy.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

Only a few days of real warm weather during March. It was mostly cool and windy, with a little rain every week, making a total of 4.6 inches. Just about every week we had a few days that the ground was fit to plow. So many people seem to think the farmers have more than their share of income at present, but parts for amchinery and supplies that we need are high-priced and sometimes hard to get.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The month of March came in with mild spring-like weather and ended with chilly showers and wind. March 5 we had warm with in the sixties in the morn. March 12 it was 28 in the morning, 34 during the day. There was measureable rainfall on 13 days; the heaviest came on March 30, with thunder showers, snow, and sleet, and more than 2 in. in a 24-hour period. The March rains totaled over 4 inches. Work among the farmers was plowing, hauling manure, top dressing grain and grass fields, etc. Women have planted early gardens. Spring flowers are blooming, frogs are croaking, and birds are singing. Isaac F. Eshes have moved to Cumberland County, Pa., and Jonas Yoders to Lancaster County, Pa.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

March was mostly fair and dry. A total of 4½ in. rain fell, most of it the last two days. A lot of plowing was done. We had no snow all month, and no zero weather all winter. Beef cattle prices are in the middle $40's, hogs in the low $30's, and eggs in the upper $.50's.

Snyder County, Pa., by Sam Troyer

We had very little rain or snow during March. The forepart was nice and sunny, but the last part was cold and wintry. No oats sowed yet, some plowing being done.

McClure, Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

The first two days of March were cold and rainy, then it cleared up and was excellent weather for plowing and digging gardens, A few women are finished digging garden, no oats sowed in March. Rain and sleet on March 29, turned to snow by the next day, about two inches that stayed.

Snyder Co. (Winfield) Pa., by Mrs. David L. Yoder

March came in real stormy with some rain, lots of rain this month also stormy weather, highest temperature was 60, lowest was 16 degrees. Farmers are plowing whenever weather is fit. We had our first dandelion on March 21st. Garden digging is also on the go. Some women folks are quilting in between.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

The first two weeks in March were warm with some rain. The rest of the month was cold, the last temperatures were from 20 to 12 degrees in the mornings, also had a lot of wind. March 29th, it was sleeting when we left for a three day stay in Lancaster County. We came home to three inches of snow. Farmers have a good start at plowing. Very few gardens are planted.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

March was a mild month. The first week was warm with some rain and fog. Lightning and thunder the eve of March 8. Lowest temperature 14, highest 80. Twelve very nice days, many days that were partly cloudy. Approximately 2 in. rainfall. The last two days it rained, sleeted, and snowed. A good bit of garden spading and plowing have been done. Some early vegetables have been planted. Prices are still going up. Sugar is $20 per cwt., flour $22 per cwt.

Oakland,,Md., by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger.

Weather in March was mild. Snow that came didn't last long. Some days were very spring like. Some plowing is being done. Lots of people have flu. Whole families are sick with it, and some have high fever.

Somerset County, Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger

March came in like a lamb and is going out like a lion, but we had a fair month with enough cold weather to keep sugaring going. The sugar season seems to be about over. A lot of plowing is done, also fertilizer spreading. A few women have sown peas already. It seems good to hear robins singing.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

The fore part of March was mild, with rain and thunder showers. Temperature mostly in the forties and fifties. The 13th it turned colder with some clear days. The 21st it started raining in the morning, soon turning to snow, snowed and blew all day. Most of it melted the next day. The 24th we had about 4 inches of snow; by the next morning it was zero. Warmer again and rainy the latter part. Total rainfall about 4½ in. Lots of plowing done in March. Sugaring was fairly good this year.

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno E. Fisher

March was very changeable, with a lot of cloudy, rainy, and snowy days. Temperature was mostly mild, but we had some near zero weather. Some plowing was done, but the ground is very wet.

Crawford Co. (Guys Mills), Pa., by Melvin D. Byler

Weather through our area for the month of March was very wintry, with lots of rain in the first part of March, also a snow storm of about 4 or 5 in. last week of March. Although sap did run pretty good this month our coldest for the month was 2 below zero, in neighboring area as low as 10 below zero. Very little plowing done so far through our area. Last year this time we were finished plowing for oats, haven't even started this year yet. Although ground is a little gravelly through here it is still very wet.

Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

Weather in March was unusually warm through the first part of the month up until the 24th, then we had some snow, and till the next morning it was 4 below zero, possibly freezing about 98% of the peach crop. Maple syrup crop was slightly below average. Wheat fields look very good. Grain and bean prices have dropped some.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Holmes County, Ohio, by John H. Yoder

March came in like a lamb, unusually warm. The weather through this month varied from zero to 79. We had a good 4 in. snow on the 24th. Lots of plowing done and flu going around. The first of the month we had thunder, the end of the month a good rain. Wheat fields and lawns are greening up.

Barrs Mills area, by Jonas N. Bontrager

March gave us a variety of weather, some very nice days. The first day of spring we had snow on the ground. March 24 we had the deepest snow for the winter, and the next day the coldest, two below zero. Some farmers are done plowing.

Eastern Holmes County, by Raymond S. Weaver

March came in very mild. The last half of the month it got gradually colder, with a low of 3 below zero on the morning of the 25th. Then it warmed up again and we had almost 2 in. of rain on the 29th. Grass is greening up now. The hog market has dropped back to the thirties, but is gaining some again.

Southeastern Holmes, by John L. Yoder

We had typical March weather, some rain, high winds, nice spring days. However, March 25 marked the coldest for this winter, including about 6 inches of snow. The last three days were cloudy and rainy.

Western Holmes County, by Monroe A. Weaver

The first part of March was mild, much plowing was done. We didn't have any snow until the 21st and 24th we had about 10 inches. The next morning it was zero. Plenty of rain the last week. Some roads were closed due to high water. There is a new hog disease scattered all over, known as Smedi-virus. It produces a breeding problem. This, plus the high feed costs and lower hog prices, will discourage some hogmen.

Geauga County, Ohio, by Mrs. Jerry E. Byler

We had heavy rains the forepart of March, then snow and cold winds. We had several days of warm weather, around 65 and 70. We've had a fair maple syrup season so far.

By John H. Hershberger

The weather for March has been unusually nice the first ten days, then it dropped down to the teens and twenties which saved the sugar production. On the 25th we had a record breaking zero which may have done a lot of fruit damage. It has warmed up again so that the sap is running. Some have made three to four times more syrup than last year, then with the price increase it will make an excellent season. The price is 77¢ a lb. in bulk, and $10 to $11 by the gallon.

Danville, Ohio, by Mrs. Tobe Hostetler

Part of March was very spring like and temperature up to 73 degrees. The week of the 17th we had six below zero and about six inches of snow.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

March weather had quite a difference in temperature. The high was close to 65 and the low at zero. Corn and beans are down in price, but everything else seems to continue up.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

We had about 8 inches of snow and 3 or 4 in. of rain in March. Not much plowing was done around here this month. The average temperature was below normal for this month. The prices on livestock at public sales seem to hold up good. There was a sale on the 27th where they sold nineteen springing heifers and a few fresh, the highest bringing seven fifty, the average being about six hundred a piece. They also had fifty bred gilts and a few sows with pigs. The gilts averaged around one seventy and some went to nearly two hundred.

Conewango Valley, N. Y.. , by Mrs. Menno Miller

March came in like a lion, and it seems as though it will go out the same way, although we had some very nice weather. Most of our snow came this month, and our coldest weather for the month was in the latter part; some places had 10 below zero. Sugaring has not been very good so far due to the mild winter we had. Some plowing has been done, and men folks are cutting logs. Some are to be used for lumber, while those that are not much good for building will be used for blocking. Quite a bit of building is planned for this summer; mostly barns, one new one and several additions.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

Weather in March was mostly cold, but had some warm says, temperatures from 20 below zero to 60 above. They had tornadoes on Wednesday evening in lower Michigan, Ohio and some other states. We had high winds that evening. Maple syrup was being made the last few days. The season seems to be some later this year than last.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

March was quite warm with heavy rains the first two weeks, making growth to vegetation. The last half of the month was variable with intervals of rain and snow, and one morning of 10 above zero, a setback of all the growth made in the first half. A lot of plowing has been done in the month, but no oats sowed that I know of. They're predicting a bumper year but very few farmers have been able to get their supplies thus far to plant. What is available is sky high so that many shy away in buying what they need. Bagged fertilizer hasn't been available all spring.

Centreville, Mich., by Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder

Most of March was spring like until the 21st. Then we had snow and cold, down to 10 degrees over the 24th. The last week of March was rainy.

Camden, Mich., by Levi R. Graber

The first two weeks of March were unseasonably warm with temperatures in the sixties. Most of the sugar bushes were tapped the last week of February. It looks as though the syrup season is about over. It will be about ¾ of the normal crop. The last two weeks of March were colder with temperature down to 2 above zero on the 25th. Winter wheat looked good all winter till recently it is turning brown,.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

March, as a whole, was mild except for the 25th it was down to 5 above and also some snow on the ground. Quite a lot of dreary days and also rainy and damp weather, which caused pneumonia among younger children. Egg prices down to .55 a doz.; weaning pigs, $30.50; milk, $6.10 Cwt. for 3.5 test.

Elkhart County, Ind., by Sam K. Stoltzfus

March came in like a lamb. The third was very windy and 70, rain in the evening and the next day. The evening of the sixth was a thunderstorm, ending with sleet and rain. The seventh was warm and spring like again, the 8th an all day rain. The second week was damp and chilly. Some have started plowing. Second day of spring greeted us with several inches of snow, turning cold and windy. Last week of March was damp and chilly, ending with snow.

LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash

The first few days of March were warm and spring like. A strong wind on the third, followed by rain on the fourth. Warmer the next few days, more rain on the 8th. Colder the next week with some hard frosts. More rain on the fifteenth, clearer but so muddy. It was much colder, 10 to 15 near zero a few mornings. Some are busy plowing, for others it is much too wet. Maple syrup was not extra, but a good run. Trees have budded, crocuses are blooming. Women are seeding hotbeds, quilting, and sewing.

Marshall County, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of March started in very like a lamb. The average temperature for the first ten days was 47. From then on we had some colder days. We had only five days of all sunshine, fifteen days of partly sunny, a lot of cold winds and damp days. We had around four inches of rain, and about that amount of snow. The highest temperature was on the third, 73, and the lowest, zero, was on the 25th. The fruit in southern part of the state is badly frozen, but up here in the northern part it's all right yet so far, as the trees had hardly made any growth yet. Very little plowing has been done. Maple syrup dooking didn't last long this year , as the weather wasn't favorable for sap to run as it does most years.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

March was an unusual month for southern Indiana, broke five records; March 3rd, 74 degrees; March 7th, 78; and on the 8th, 80 were record warm temperatures. Then on the 24th, 2 above and on the 25th, 5 above were record cold temperatures. On the 23rd it started to snow in the p.m., by the next morning we had 3 inches on the ground, all left soon again. Had most of our moisture towards the last of the month. Our hard freeze on the 24th and 25th turned the wheat brown, but don't think it did any damage, also froze most of our peach crop. No oats sown yet, but probably close to 2/3 of plowing done with what was done last fall, almost too much moisture to plow at present. Seems like we had an awful lot of strong winds this spring. A few garden things are planted.

Ashley, Ind., by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

March came in like a lamb. We had a good run of maple sap the first week, then it got warmer for about two weeks and we had to redrill the holes. On the 16th the temperature dropped to 16, was colder after that, and sap running. On the 24th we had snow and down to 5 degrees. The whole month was mostly cloudy. Only 5 clear and sunny days. The last few days were foggy and drizzling rain, temperature around 30.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

First week in March was real nice with temperature to almost 80 degrees, that some went barefooted. Had lots of moisture with several snows and quite a bit of rain. On the 24th we had 10 above and on the 25th it was 6 above, but in general it was above freezing most of the month, bringing early signs of spring. A little plowing has been done, but no gardens made to my knowledge.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

We had record breaking weather of ice and snow the 23rd and 24th, temperature down to 4 above. Most of the fruit was damaged extensively. Wet weather has hindered spring plowing, very little done yet. Severe windstorms have passed near by this area.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

March came in very lamb like. On the 4th about 6 p.m. we had a very sudden heavy rain and strong winds, so that the water again stood in fields. Then nice and warm again for several days, one day the temperature was 80 degrees. A few oats were sown and the peach trees had small leaves, the 12th we had a few snow flurries. The 23rd turned colder, snowing and blowing, by evening had about 3 in. of snow, mostly in drifts and ridges. Sunday, 24th, was 2 above zero, the 25th was just zero. Paper reports peaches in Illinois are all gone. Wheat that was not covered with snow looks rather brown on top. The 28th a few oats were sown, but since now has been wet, had about 2 in. of rain and Sat., 30th had a few snow flurries but Sun., 31st was nice, temperature in the upper forties.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

Weather remains unsettled. Had a few days that were nice enough to let farmers spreas fertilizer, etc. Had a cold snap on weekend of 16th, as low as 20 some places. Wheat had been growing and was jointed some, but looks burned now. Don't know how much damage was done. Was drying off the latter part of month, giving some farmers that itch to plant corn. Heard there has been some planted. Had high winds on evening of 29th with tornado warnings out, damage was minor through here.

Trenton, Ky., by Willis J. Hostetler

The weather for March has been sunny and warm some days, and cloudy and cool with occasional rain on other days. The weekend of the 24th it turned cold very suddenly, was 17 by Sunday morning. Grain and cattle and hog prices are very unsteady.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Benton Co. (Holladay), Tn., by Mrs. Joseph Coblentz

March was somewhat drier than February and had some very beautiful days. Some early gardens were planted, but not many. Had one cold spell with temperature going down to 26 degrees. Saw a few snow flurries on the 21st. Fertilizer and seed prices are very high and some are hard to get. Farmers' Co-op can't get sorghum seed, but some farmers have been able to get seed from a local farmer who saves all his sorghum heads to use as feed and for his own seed. We are having fresh aspargus to eat out of our garden.

Reno County, Kansas, by Edward Mast

March brought us quite a variety of weather. The first half was quite mild with sufficient moisture. Then the third week had several snows and temperatures in the teens which froze apricots and early flowers. Wheat is starting to grow out but probably a bit behind average. Still a few fields around that blew with heavy winds.

Reno Co. (Haven), Kansas, by Enos E. Schrock

We had cold weather, below zero, at times in January, with some snow. February was very nice and mild. March started in as a lamb so it may go out as a lion. Had snow and strong north wind on Saturday, March 23rd. Oats, peas and potatoes have been planted in February and early March.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

March came in like a lamb. The weather in general was pretty nice. Had two light snows with unusual temperatures. Temperatures dropped to 10 above which naturally froze most blossoms on fruit trees. The wheat, which is getting a pretty nice growth, was also discolored some. More oats sowed than normally, also looking good. Alfalfa was growing rapidly, with about 6 to 8 in. growth, froze back, but with the 80 degree temperature we are having at the closing of the month vegetation recovers speedily.

Fortuna, Mo., by Menno C. Miller

March started in like a lamb indeed. The first full week a lot of oats were sowed and gardens made. It started to rain the evening of the eighth and stayed too wet the rest of the month to sow oats. Some plowing for corn was done between showers. March 23 brought 6 to 8 inches of snow. The next morning it was near zero, freezing possibly all the fruit tree buds, also the wheat tops,which were 6 to 8 in. tall.

Anabel, Mo., by Abe Y. Borntreger

March came in like a lamb, but a hail, rain, and wind storm hit our area Mar. 4. Having 75 mi. per hr. winds, it did some damage while going through the town of Clarence. We had cold over the 12 & 13 and again the 24th, with nice spring like weather otherwise. We had a few snow flurries the 19th through the 23rd, with enough to cover the ground one day. We had rain the tenth and eleventh. March has left us again as a lamb, with folks sowing oats, discing, and plowing. Early gardens have been made.

Pike County, Missouri, by George Yoder

March started in nice and warm. A little field work was done the second week, then it cooled off and rained and snowed. It was down almost to zero once. Our fruit crop may be light. Trees haven't bloomed yet. A few are plowing sod.

Audrain County, Mo., by Samuel D. Beachy

The first week of March was spring like. Some plowing and oats sowing was done. On the ninth it rained, then stayed more wet and cool until the 23rd. It snowed several inches and we had several days of 10 to 20 degree weather. By the 27th it had warmed up and dried off that oats sowing got into full swing.

Seymour, Mo., by Menno D. Schwartz

We had a fairly mild winter, the worst being over the holidays. March was exceptionally nice, with a few ups and downs in temperature. High was about 80, low zero, but the natives say to just stick around it will change. While it was so warm in March, there were some truck gardens planted, and also most of the oats. This is no farming district although the small grain does real good usually, like oats, wheat, speltz, sorghum of all kinds. Some molasses is made, but this is mostly grass and cattle country.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

Weather for most of March was nice, lots of children barefoot first two weeks. Had some wet and cooler spells, and finally the 21st a few inches of wet sticky snow, temperature dropped to 20 degrees. There was not much damage done to anything that day, but the 23rd we had the second storm, once more about 3 inches of snow. This time temperature dropped to 8 degrees. Guess it was pretty hard on most of the fruit. Wheat fields looked brown over top. Had some 80 degree temperature the last week and things are looking good again. It did not hurt peas and radishes in the garden. Cattle market is way down; hogs down a bit too; milk steady at 6.45 for 3.5 milk.

Jamesport, Mo., by Amos W. Yoder

Weather through February was mostly mild, temperature was up to 62 several days. Some farmers started to work in fields, then we had 1¼ " of rain on Feb. 21, and 2 to 3 inches the first half of Mar. Temperature in the seventies several days in Mar., a low of 12 degrees on the 25th. Very little snow or ice through February and March. Farmers worked in fields again the last week. Quite a few oats have been sown.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We had a light coat of snow at the end of March, temperature at freezing. We had a cold spell around the 24th when the thermometer was right at zero, It warmed up again in a few days, and some people were in the fields since, until the last few days when we had an all day rain. Several have sowed oats, and some plowing has been done. The extremely high prices of feed and stock seem to be about the same over the nation, and land prices as well, over $1000 an acre. What will be left for the next generation ?

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

March was on the mild side. We had a good shower of rain on the ninth, with some lightning and thunder. More thunder, lightning, and rain on the 29th. We also had a few light snows. We had two mornings of zero. On the 24th it was 7 below. Some plowing was done. Still a lot of flu going around.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert Schmucker

March came in as a lamb but had mostly nice weather. Had a total of 4 to 5 inches of rain. Some plowing was done and some oats were sowed. The high was around 70 degrees and the low, 4 above zero. Beans were up to 6.55 but went down to $5.70; Corn from $3.00 to 2.65; Wheat, 6.00; Oats, 1.70; Seed Oats, 2.75; Alfalfa, $85; Clover, $65.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

First part of March was nice, some maple trees were tapped, but had no good run yet. It turned cold and was zero and below again. March left us with rain and a wet snow.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

Had our biggest snow storm in February, the 5th and 6th the school bus didn't go and the 22nd it snowed and blew all day, no school again and no mailman.

In the month of March we had lots of snow and rain, also thunder at times.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

March started in nice, it was mild the first two weeks, most of the snow was melted by the 20th. The last two weeks were colder and had snow again. The coldest for the month was ten below zero on the 24th with a northwest breeze. Had rain the 28th which froze on trees and broke off a lot of branches. Roads were icy one day which slowed traffic.

Vernon County, Wis., by Amos U. Gingerich

The first part of March was very nice, with some maple sap running. It got colder around the middle of the month, and not much sap since. Some ice on the 28th, cloudy and misty the 31st. We are hoping for ideal maple syrup weather during April. We made 82 gallons so far.

Amherst, Wis., by Mrs. L. J. Bontrager

March started in very mild, being mild most of the month. We had a few zero mornings near the middle of the month, average temperature about 20°. The first half of the month was warm, melting most of our snow. Fields and yards were bare, but still some left in the woods. On the 16th we had a new layer of snow, approximately 8 ". It was a wet, clinging snow, making a very beautiful winter scene. Trees and fences were covered so nicely. We had several snows since. The last week in March we had snow, rain, and sleet. Trees were very icy on the 30th, breaking off some branches and small twigs. Farm prices are rising. Milk is $8.10 for 3.5 test, alfalfa seed 60 lb. for $86.95, certified oats 32 lbs. for $3.25.

Blair, Wis., by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

March came in like a lamb with very nice spring weather. Some people tapped their maple trees, which was quite early for this part of the country. Around the middle of the month, weather was more winter like with snow about every day for about a week. The 22nd the temperature dropped. The 23rd was 4 below and the 24th was 8 below, which is very unusual for this time of year. The 28th and 29th brought freezing rain, covering everything with ice. A very pretty sight, with little icicles on branches, twigs, and wires.

Todd County, Minn., by Mrs. William A. Yoder

Genuine March weather, as one day it will snow and blow and the next day it will be nice and sunny. The warmest was 50 degrees and then came a few cold night the middle of the month with 12 and 16 below zero. It stayed at zero most of the day on the 23rd. Snow fell one day, melted the next day. No snow left except what was put on piles when yards and lanes were plowed out.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock

Our weather for the month, highest was 38 above, lowest, 24 below, but we had nice weather to work most of the time. The last three days of the month were cloudy. The 31st it started to snow and snowed all day. We have a nice blanket of snow on the ground again. A year ago the farmers were working their oats ground at this time, but no field work yet this spring so far.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

The first week in March we had some warm springlike days but as a whole March has had typical weather with wind, rain, snow, and sunshine. Farm sales are numerous. The price of dairy cattle has dropped by at least $200. Pork and beef prices have also eased off which is putting pressure on the producer with the high cost of feed. Fertilizer is expensive. Some farmers weren't sure if they could get the type of fertilizer they wanted as phosphate seems to be in short supply and, to a lesser extent, also nitrogen.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

The first week of March we had beautiful springlike weather. Some people tapped their maple trees. The next week it was a bit colder. The morning of the 24th it was zero, in the afternoon it started to storm. The last week was cold again with some snow.

Springfield (Mt. Elgin), Ont., by Mrs. W. D. Kramer

March came in foggy, temperature first week was from freezing to 55, by the 11th, it was down to 24 above, and stayed more on the cold side, down to zero one morning the last week. Some days sap runs good, so far we managed to make about 10 gallons with 40 buckets hanging. Sap seems to be very sweet this year. The work outside is making wood and hauling manure. Spring birds are back, robins and a turtle dove were heard.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

The forepart of March was calm and springlike. The latter part we had colder with rain and snow.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

March came in and left again both as a lamb, but had many winds in the between time. The first part of the month was mostly mild with rain or wet snow at intervals, also had some very warm and pleasant days. The lowest temperature of March was 3 degrees below zero on the 25th but it soon warmed up again. Sap pails are hanging but the run has not amounted to much yet. Maple syrup is priced at $10 a gallon.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

March started in like a lamb, sunny and mild, temperature ranging from 20 to 54 degrees. The mild spell took the snow and creeks were running high. March 12 brought colder weather with temperature ranging from 9 to 12 above zero each morning for 8 days. March 22, more snow, winter started to settle in again, high winds during the night rolled the snow up into balls. Sunday, March 24, an all-day blizzard; March 25, clear and cold, 3 above zero; March 26, cold and stormy; March 27, moderating, storm appears to be past, sap is starting to drip today. Syrup sells from $10.50 up per gallon.

St. Mary's, Ontario, by Amanda Yoder

March coming in like a lamb and going out like a lion seems to be true this year. Our snow had all been gone and had nice springlike days. The 18th it started snowing and have had snow ever since. The 24th it was snowing and blowing more than it had all winter. It was zero the 25th, coldest on record for this time of year. Levi Troyers Jr. have tapped their maple trees.

BAPTISMS

Geauga County, Ohio
March 17, by Bishop Andy C. Byler
Susan, dau. of Martin A. and Malinda (Miller) Miller

Hicksville, Ohio
March 10, by Bishop Victor Yoder
Andy, son of Eli and Mary Mullet Sr.
Mary Ellen, dau. of Eli Sr. and Mary Mullet
Laura Mae, dau. of Joel and Nancy (Wagler) Graber

Ashland, Ohio
March 17, in Southeast District
by Bishop Dan Miller
Enos, son of Harley and the late Barbara (Glick) Yoder

Adams County, Indiana
March 31, in Northeast Berne District
by Levi H. Schwartz
Ruth Ann, dau. of Joe K. Hiltys of Grabill, Indiana
March 10, in Southeast District
by John C. Schwartz
Mandy J., dau. of Jake Coblentzs, Berne R1

Allen County, Indiana
March 17, in John Graber District
Victor, son of Joseph and Mary (Miller) Eicher
Melvin, son of Paul and Fannie (Wittmer) Lengacher
March 24, Victor Graber District
Joseph, son of Ben and Margaret (Lengacher) Eicher
Jacob, son of Amos and Amanda (Graber) Lengacher
Marlin, son of Amos and Susan (Schwartz) Graber
Victor, son of Victor and Anna (Schwartz) Graber
David, son of Jonas and Ruth (Wickey) Wengerd
Susan, dau. of Elmer & Emma (Lengacher) Delagrange
Leah, dau. of Raymond & Amanda (Schmucker) Graber
Susan, dau. of Ben and Margaret (Lengacher) Eicher
Eva, dau. of Menno and Rosa (Schmucker) Steury
March 31, in Noah Eicher District
Alvin, son of Wilbur & Sarah Ann (Eicher) Schmucker
Stevie, son of Enos and Loraine (Eicher) Schmucker
Michael, son of Enos & Anna Mae (Brandenberger) Steury
Rebecca, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graber) Graber
Clara, dau. of Joseph and Lorene (Miller) Schmucker
Lucy, dau. of Joseph & Maggie (Delegrange) Lengacher

Elkhart County, Indiana
March 17, in West Barrens District
Atlee, son of Jonas N. and Susie (Miller) Miller
David, son of Levi M. and Ida Mae (Mast) Helmuth
Naomi, dau. of Joni C. and Edna (Yoder) Hochstetler
Mary, dau. of Eli M. Bontragers
Betsy, dau. of Simon F. and Susie (Beachy) Graber
Susie, dau. of William H. and Clara (Lehman) Miller

Reno County, Kansas
January 29, by Bishop David E. Schrock
Glen David, son of Glen and Anna (Yoder) Fry
(parents live in Topeka, Indiana)
Arlene, dau. of Floyd and Sara (Schrock) Miller
March 24, by Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager
Kathleen, dau. of Pre. Eli and Wilma (Miller) Schrock
Irene, dau. of Enos and Clara (Knepp) Keim

Webster Co. (Seymour), Missouri
March 24
Sam J. K. Schwartz
Sam J. Schwartz
David W. Schwartz
Sam S. Schwartz
Johnny Y. Schwartz
Mary N. S. Schwartz
Saloma S. Schwartz
Emma B. Hilty
Pricilla P. Schwartz
Maggie E. Schwartz

OAKLAND, MD., ACCIDENTS

Eli A. Hershberger, who has a saw mill, had a slight mishap the 18th when a heavy pointy piece (that holds the logs) came down and pierced a hole in his one finger and chipped a small piece of bone off. He went to the emergency room where the doctor took the chip of bone out and put ten stitches in.

Andrew, 12-year-old son of Ernest Schrocks' jumped in the barn and broke his foot. The doctor said first it isn't broken but after reading the xrays again he decided it was broken after all and put it in a walking cast. He has to have his foot elevated a day or so then he will probably go back to school on crutches.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF AMISH COMMUNITIES

To be used for emergency calls only

Seymour, Missouri
Kennemer Realty, 417-935-4379
Lloyd Johnson, 417-935-4472
John Egnew, 417-468-3916
Harold Smikle, 417-465-3610

Amherst, Wisconsin
Charles (Sam) Pask, 715-824-5620
(note wrong spelling in Feb. issue)

Oakland, Maryland
Kinsinger's Repair Shop, 301-334-4129
(wrong number listed in Feb. issue)

Bowling Green, Missouri
Remove W. I. Bridgewell's name from Telephone list as he has moved out of the neighborhood.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania
The phone number that was put in from Union Co., Pa. is for the Winfield area also.

MIGRATIONS OF 1973

Nelson L. Beachys moved from Barrs Mills, Ohio to Danville, Ohio, June 29.

Noah E. Beacheys moved from Oakland, Maryland to Stuarts Draft, Va.

Amos C. Bontregers moved from Curtiss, Wis. to Minnosota in August .

Dan B. Bontragers moved from Anabel, Missouri to Tomah, Wis., Sept. 27.

Eli M. Bontragers moved from Jamesport, Mo. to Kalona, Iowa, Oct. 30.

Ezra Bontragers moved from Topeka, Indiana to Milroy, Ind., March 6.

Felty J. Bontragers moved from Medford, Wis. to Wadena, Minn., in February.

Joe E. Bontragers moved from Middlebury, Ind. to Bronson, Mich., February 28.

Jonas B. Bontragers moved from Medford, Wis. to Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada in November.

Levi Bontragers moved from Geneva, Indiana to Shipshewana, Ind. in May.

Melvin Bontragers moved from Fortuna, Missouri to Bronson, Mich.,Feb. 22.

Mose M. Bontragers moved from Anabel, Missouri to Wilton, Wis. in June.

Noah A. Borntragers moved from Amherst, Wis. to Hewitt, Minn.

Reuben Bontragers moved from Fortuna, Missouri to Ashley, Ind. in March.

Simon Borkholders moved from Bremen, Indiana to Middlebury, Ind. in April.

Iddo Brennemans moved from Somerset, Pa. to Fredericktown, Ohio, Aug. 8.

Jonas Brennemans moved from Grantsville, Md. to Fredericktown, Ohio in August.

Leroy Bernnemans moved from Myersdale, Pa. to Oakland, Md. in October.

Noah E. Brennemans moved from Myersdale, Pa. to Geauga Co., Ohio, Dec. 21.

Joe Brickers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Punxsutawney, Pa., March 31.

Andy A. Bylers moved from Dover, Delaware to LeRaysville, Pa., May 17.

Andy U. Bylers moved from Guys Mills, Pa. to Geauga Co., Ohio, Aug. 29.

Eli A. Bylers moved from Parkman, Ohio to Milton, Iowa, March 10.

Eli H. Bylers moved from New Wilmington, Pa. to Jackson Center, Pa., April 14.

Neil A. Bylers moved from Dover, Delaware to LaRaysville, Pa., May 30.

Andy D. Coblentzes moved from Mercer Co., Pa. to Smicksburg, Pa., March 19.

Christ D. Coblentzes moved from Uniontown, Ohio to Milroy, Ind., March 7.

David Coblentz moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa., Nov. 10.

Emanuel Chupps moved from Goshen, Indiana to Nappanee, Ind., March 6.

Eli T. Detweilers moved from Jamesport, Mo. to Bloomfield, Iowa, March 1.

Robert D. Detweilers moved from Garretsville, Ohio to Cantril, Iowa, Oct. 1.

Joe J. Eichers moved from Punxsutawney, Pa. to Marshfield, Mo., Nov. 1.

Ben Eshes moved from Bird-in-Hand, Pa. to Logantown, Pa., Dec. 11.

Jacob F. Eshes moved from Paradise, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., March 12.

John Eshes moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loganton, Pa. in March.

Andy Farmwalds moved from Guys Mills, Pa. to Orwell, Ohio in June.

Ben A. Fishers moved from Kinzers, Pa. to Newburg, Pa. in March.

David Fishers moved from Christiana, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., April 10

John B. Fishers moved from Kinzers, Pa. to Newville R2, Pa., March 29.

John E. Fishers moved from Quarryville, Pa. to Loganton, Pa. in March.

Reuben Fishers moved from Gordonville, Pa. to Madisonburg, Pa., Jan. 4.

Sam K. Fishers moved from Christiana, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., Feb. 1.

Sam L. Fishers moved from Gordonville, Pa. to Newville R2, Pa. in March.

Sam S. Fishers moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loganton, Pa., Feb. 14.

Stephen S. Fishers moved from Christiana, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., March 29.

Mose Gingerichs moved from Medford, Wis. to Wadena, Minn.

Uria J. Gingerichs moved from Grey Co., Ont. to Tennessee.

Fernandid Graber moved from Clark, Missouri to Orland, Ind., March 1.

Albert J. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa., Dec. 21.

Ben Hershbergers moved from Clark, Ohio to Atlantic, Pa.

Chrissie C. Hershbergers moved from Arthur, Ill. to Milton, Iowa, April 27.

Henry A. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa., Dec. 9, 1972.

Jacob A. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa., Dec. 21, 1972.

Levi A. Hershbergers moved from Chesley, Ont. to Mt. Elgin, Ont., Canada, Nov. 15.

Menno J. Hershbergers moved from Sullivan, Ohio to Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 5.

Raymond A. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa. in February.

Ray S. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionests, Pa., March 19.

Rob S. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Lickingville, Pa., March 8.

Sam J. Hershbergers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa., March 21.

Abie Hochstetlers moved from Middlebury, Ind. to Jamesport, Mo., March 3.

Willis Hochstetlers moved from Anabel, Mo. to Tomah, Wis., Nov. 15.

David J. Hostetlers moved from New Wilmington, Pa. to Somerset Co., Pa., Feb. 7.

Joe L. Hostetlers moved from Enon Valley, Pa. to Turbotville, Pa.

John Y. Hostetlers moved from Enon Valley, Pa. to Turbotville, Pa.

Menno Hostetlers moved from Watsontown, Pa. to Enon Valley, Pa. in April.

Willis Hostetlers moved from Indiana to Trenton, Kentucky in March.

John Kauffmans moved from Oakland, Md. to Marshfield, Mo., Oct. 10.

Daniel Kings moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Howard, Pa., April 3.

Felty Lambrights moved from LaGrange, Ind. to Milroy, Ind. in May.

LeRoy Lantzs moved from Rebersburg, Pa. to Myerstown, Pa., April 3.

John B. Lapps moved from Rebersburg, Pa. to Myerstown, Pa. in May.

Albert Masts moved from Mt. View, Missouri to Crofton, Kentucky, Jan. 2.

Alvin Masts moved from Belleville, Wisconsin to Jamesport, Mo., May 21.

Dan L. Masts moved from Belleville, Ontario to Tionesta, Pa., Nov. 16, 1972.

David J. Masts moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Sullivan, Ohio in November.

Ervin Masts moved from Kokomo, Indiana to Arthur, Ill., Sept. 17.

John S. Masts moved from Dover, Delaware to Milton, Iowa, March 1.

Joni Masts moved from Dover, Delaware to LeRaysville, Pa. in October.

Levi A. Masts moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Tionesta, Pa.

Levi E. Masts moved from Lawrence Co., Pa. to Tionesta, Pa., March 20.

Raymond Masts moved from Dogwood, Missouri to Marshfield, Mo., Sept. 25.

Uria E. Masts moved from Lawrence Co., Pa. to Tionesta, Pa., March 16.

Amos Millers moved from Indiana to Martinsburg, Ohio, March 1.

Clarence H. Millers moved from Medford, Wisconsin to Wadena, Minn., Jan. 18.

David D. J. Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa. in April.

David D. J. Millers moved from Smicksburg, Pa. to Geauga Co., Ohio, July 18.

Dave D. Millers moved from Punxsutawney, Pa. to Middlefield, Ohio in October.

David J. Millers moved from Cashton, Wisconsin to Wadena, Minn., April 12.

Eli Millers moved from Indiana to Kenton, Ohio, March 12.

Eli H. Millers moved from Dalton, Ohio to Conewango Valley, N. Y., March 20.

Ezra Millers moved from Kokomo, Indiana to Allenville, Ky., March 1.

Joe A. Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Marion Center, Pa. in July.

Jonas A. Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Mercer, Pa., May 8.

Joni S. Millers moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Nappanee, Ind., June 5.

Lee A. Millers moved from Spartensburg, Pa. to Geauga Co., Ohio in March.

Lester C. Millers moved from Anabel, Missouri to Wadena, Minn., Oct. 2.

Levi A. Millers moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milton, Iowa, April 3.

Levi E. Millers moved from Sugar Grove, Pa. to Smicksburg, Pa., Oct. 18.

Levi F. Millers moved from Plain City, Ohio to Jamesport, Mo., Oct. 31.

Levi U. Millers moved from Kenton, Ohio to Bowling Green, Missouri.

Mose S. Millers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Stevensville, Pa., Feb. 21.

Sam Millers moved from Belleville, Wisconsin to Bronson, Michigan, Oct. 16.

Alvin Mullets moved from Indiana to Belleville, Wisconsin, Feb. 9.

Freeman Mullets moved from Walnut Creek, Ohio to Martinsburg, Ohio in January.

Joe L. Mullets moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Guys Mills, Pa., Sept. 12.

Menno Peacheys moved from Lebanon Co., Pa. to Mifflintown, Pennsylvania.

John Petersheims moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Newburg, Pa., April 8.

Henry Rabers moved from Fredericksburg, Ohio to Marietta, Ohio in March.

Gene Reynolds moved from Trenton, Kentucky to Holladay, Tenn. in March.

Abe Schlabachs moved from Tennessee to Mt. Hope, Ohio, April 17.

Edward Schmuckers moved from Medford, Wis. to Bronson, Mich., Dec. 5.

John N. Schmuckers moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Marion Center, Pa., April 18.

Marvin Schmuckers moved from Medford, Wis. to Bronson, Mich. in November.

Daniel Schwartzes moved from Camden, Mich. to Berne, Ind., Nov. 19.

Jacob N. Schwartzes moved from Medford, Wis. to Bowling Green, Mo., April 9.

Eli Shetlers moved from Mt. Elgin, Ontario to Danville, Ohio, Oct. 9.

John N. Shetlers moved from Norwich, Ontario to Tionesta, Pa., April 3.

Mose N. Shetlers moved from Stirling, Ontario to Greenville, Mich. in November.

Harvey Schrocks moved from Topeka, Indiana to Milroy, Ind. in March.

Leo V. Schrocks moved from Punxsutawney, Pa. to Salem, Ind. in April.

Mose P. Shrocks moved from Uniontion, Ohio to Townville, Pa. in September.

Mose W. Shrocks moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Wadena, Minn., April 16.

Perry Shrocks moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to LeRaysville, Pa., May 10.

Will Shrocks moved from Medford, Wisconsin to Wadena, Minn. in May.

Ed Slabaughs moved from Punxsutawney, Pa. to Salem, Ind., April 11.

Jacob Smokers moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loganton, Pa., Feb. 1.

Mike N. H. Speichers moved from Milroy, Pa. to Centre Co., Pa., April 2.

Amos Z. Stoltzfuses moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Loganton, Pa., Feb. 1.

Emanuel Stoltzfuses moved from Gettysburg, Pa. to Middlefield, Ohio, Oct. 23.

Omer Stoltzfuses moved from Adams Co., Pa. to Madisonburg, Pa., April 5.

Aaron Stutzmans moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Milton, Iowa, March 16.

Enos Swareys moved from Juniata Co., Pa. to Embro R5, Ontario, May 30.

Jacob Swareys moved from Mechanicsville, Md. to Path Valley, Pa. in March.

Willy J. Swartzentruber moved from Navarre, Ohio to Guersey Co., Ohio, Nov. 15.

Harry M. Troyers moved from Bowling Green, Mo. to Snyder Co., Pa., Feb. 20.

John Troyers moved from Fortuna, Missouri to Bronson, Mich. in November.

Mrs. Ida Troyer moved from Big Prairie, Ohio to Jackson Center, Pa., March 7.

Noah R. Troyers moved from Baltic, Ohio to Cashton, Wis., March 10.

Andy B. Weavers moved from Atlantic, Pa. to Geauga Co., Ohio.

Ben D. Wengerds moved from Lawrence Co., Pa. to Tionesta, Pa., Feb. 28.

Eli Wengerds moved from Spartansburg, Pa. to Middlefield, Ohio, May 4.

John Wengerds moved from Mechanicsville, Md. to Path Valley, Pa. in March.

Allen Yoders moved from Fortuna, Missouri to Jamesport, Mo., March 1.

Alvin Yoders moved from Seymour, Missouri to Martinsburg, Ohio, Oct. 31.

Alvin C. Yoders moved from Selinsgrove, Pa. to Oakland, Md., March 23.

Amos Yoders moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to Hewitt, Minnosota.

Amos Yoders moved from Metz, Indiana to Camden, Mich., Sept. 13.

David L. Yoders moved from Macon, Missouri to Wasena, Minn., Oct. 2.

Elmer Yoders moved from Milton, Iowa to Wadena, Minn., Feb. 16.

Enos A. Yoders moved from Kidron, Ohio to Ethridge, Tenn., Dec. 3.

Floyd Yoders moved from Salisbury, Pa. to Mifflintown R1, Pa., Nov. 29.

Henry J. Yoders moved from Suddlersville, Md. to Watsontown, Pa., Feb. 5.

Jacob Yoders moved from Middleburg, Pa. to Spencer, Wis., April 3

Jonas H. Yoders moved from New Glaris, Wis. to Jamesport, Mo., Nov. 7.

Levi A. Yoders moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to Hewitt, Minn., Sept. 6.

Levi J. Yoders moved from Sullivan, Illinois to Milton, Iowa, Jan. 24.

Leon Yoders moved from Haven, Kansas to Garnett, Kansas, in March.

Melvin A. Yoders moved from Salisbury, Pa. to Mifflintown R1. Pa., Nov. 29.

William A. Yoders moved from Curtiss, Wisconsin to Hewitt, Minn., Sept. 24.

William S. Yoders moved from Medford, Wisconsin to Wadena, Minn., May 24.

Amos L. Zooks moved from Kirkwood, Pa. to Loganton, Pa. in March.

Eli L. Zooks moved from Ethridge, Tennesee in March.

Jonas Zooks moved from Kirkwood, Pa. to Loganton, Pa., April 1.

Levi S. Zooks moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Sullivan, Ohio in November.

Menno L. Zook moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Sullivan, Ohio in November.

The 1973 immigration list is probably the largest yet. A new settlement started in Sugar Valley in Clinton Co., Pa., 13 families moved there during the year, all from Lancaster County; also one family in Nittany Valley, about 8 miles west of Sugar Valley. The Tionesta, Pa. settlement started in November 1972 and increased quite a bit in 1973, now numbering 14 families; most of them came from Conewango Valley, New York. The Bronson, Michigan area got quite a few new families last year. The Wadena, Minnesota settlement started in December 1972 and now eleven families live there.

compiled by C. J. Stoltzfus
assisted by Don Carpenter

Den Nächsten Morgen der 24 giengen Mir wieder Nach Goschen. da sein Mir wieder auf die Cars und sein gefahren bis in ~~al~~ Elkart. von da nach Tolito. von da giengen Mir auf das Stimbot über die Mirami rever. von da nach Belwici. da waren Mir dieselbe nacht. den nächsten Morgen giengen Mir auf die Cars und sein gefahren bis nach Tiffen. von da nach Belfaunden. von da nach Westliberti, Monro Taunschib, Lagan Caunty, Ohjo. da war es der 25. von da sein Mir zu der Salome ihrer Schwester gegangen und da sein mir auch herum gegangen bey die freunden und bekanten und sie waren alle ziemlich gesund. von da sein Mir wieder nach West liberti das war der 30. von da giengen Mir auf die Cars und giengen in Schrinfilt. von da nach Daton. da waren Mir dieselbe nacht. den nächsten Morgen giengen Mir auf die Stätschs und sein gefahren 16 Meil bis an Sinn. von da sein mir wieder auf die Cars und sein gefahren bis in Columbus, das war 55 Meil. da waren Mir 4 Stund. von da giengen Mir auf eine 2 gäuls Kotsch und sein gefahren bis in Neu Lankaster zu dem Adzid Zürch. das war wieder 34 Meil, das giengen Mir von Morgens bis abends das war 105 Meil. da waren Mir bey den freund und bekanten, sie waren alle ziemlich gesund. ~~gesund~~ da waren Mir in der gemeint Sontag den 5 Jünig. den nächsten Morgen den 6 ~~sein Mir in nach gefahren~~ hat der Adam Steiner unser 5 in nach gefahren, das war Mich und der König und seine weib und ihre Schwester Lisi und die Fried Stauzendi

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

Das Dritte Theil Von

Solamon Byler Brief

Den Nechten Morgen der 24 gingen Mier wieder nach Goſchen. Da ſeyn Mier wieder auf die Kers und ſeyn Gefaren bis in Elkert. Von da nach Tolito. Von do gingen Mier auf das Stim bet (Steam boat) üwer der Mami Rewer (Maumee River). Von da nach Belwui (Bellevue). Da waren Mier dieſelbe nacht. Den nechten Morgen gingen Mier auf die Kers und ſeyn gefaren bis nach Tiffen. Von da nach Belfaunden (Bellefontaine). Von da nach Weſt Liberti, Menro Taun ſchib (Twp.), Loken County, Ohio. Da wares der 25. Von da ſeyn Mier zu der Salome ihre Schweſter gegangen und da ſeyn auch herrum gangen bey den freunden und bekanten und ſie waren alle zimlich geſunt. Von da ſeyn Mier wieder nach Weſt Liberti. Das war der 30. Von do gingen Mier auf die Kers und gingen in Sprinfilt (Springfield). Von da nach Deton (Dayton). Da waren Mier diſelbe nacht. Den nechten Morgen gingen Mier auf die ſteſchchd (ſtage-coach?) und ſeyn gefaren 16 Meil bis an Sine (Xenia). Von da ſeyn Mier wieder auf die Kers und ſeyn gefaren bis in Columbus. Das war 55 Meil. Da waren Mier 4 ſtunt. Von da gingen Mier auf eine 2 geilüs katſch und ſeyn gefaren bis in Neu Lancaſter zu dem David Zug. Das war wieder 34 Meil. Das gingen Mier von Margens bis Abends Das war 105 Meil. Dar waren Mier bey den freund und bekanten. Sie war alle zimlich geſunt. Da waren Mier in der gemeiht Sontag der 5 Junius. Den nechten Morgen der 6 hat der Adam Stazman (Stutzman) unſere 5 in Nuerk (Newark) gefaren. Das war mich und der König und ſeyn weib und ihre ſchweſter Lea und die Sara Stuzman.

(Fortſetzung falgt)

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

Continued from last month

As you notice, the immigrant of the Petersheim Family is George and Christianna (Nisley) Petersheim which we will list as No. 1. It appears the oldest in their family was (2) Veronica, or Fannie, born in Europe Feb. 23, 1791, died Nov. 19, 1857, and is buried in the Groffdale Cemetery. She married in this country to Christian Miller who was also born in Europe, Feb. 15, 1784, died Dec. 26, 1837 at the age of 53 years. He is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery. This Christian Miller came to this country with two different passports. It appears that he secured a passport in France in 1809 but was somewhat delayed or had to have a passport from Soussure Dept. of the Vosges to Guissac Dept. of the Rhine. Then again a passport from the Lower Rhine to America. We will include a copy of both passports which are still in the hands of some of the descendants.

(Copied from "Fisher Family History," page 607.)

THE PASSPORT OF CHRISTIAN MULLER, SON OF LOUIS AND MARY ANN SOMMERS MULLER

Dept. of vosges register #103

In name of Napoleon Emperor of the French Mayos of the Communu of Soussure Invite (or request) the civil and Military authority to allow to pass and freely move from Soussure Dept. of the Vosges to Guissac Dept. of the Rhine. The man Christian Muller . . profession (Weaver). Born at Saleux Commune de La Croque Dept. of Vosges residing a Saleux, commune of Soussure and to give him aid and protection in case of need. Delivered under the Attestation of Sir Michael Gargentine and Joseph Leboube, both farmers and residents of Soussure. Signed W. Gargentine J. Leboube Done at Soussure the 31 March 1809.

Seal of Mayor of Soussure Vosges — The Mayos of Soussure J. S. Prossel

Christian Muller was 30 years old.

Passport to the stranger, Dept. of the Lower Rhine Reg. #100, age 38 yrs. Police General of France in the Name of the King.

We perfect of the Dept. of the Lower Rhine, Invite the civil & Military officers, charged with manning Public Order in the Interior of the Kingdom, and beg the civil and Military officers performing the same functions in the friendly countries or allies of France to let pass freely Dieur Christian Muller farmer with his brother Pierre age 24, born in La Croque, Vosges residing at Saknalen buhl (Lower Rhine) going to America U. S. A. by way of Harve & give him aid and protection in case of need. The present passport granted for 1 yr. & good during the holding to leave French Territory. Delivered at the

office by a decision of his excellency the Minister of the Interior. Done at Strasburg the 20th of March 1819. The perfect of the Interioi. Seal of the Prefecture of Engeman.

The Dept. of the Lower Rhine price of passport 10 Franc.

Description: height 1 metre, 30 centimetre, hair chestnut, forehead low, eyebrows chestnut, eyes blue, nose medium, mouth big, beard chestnut, chin round, countenance oval, complexion florid.

Christian Miller was a son of Louis and Mary Ann Sommers Miller. It seems the descendants of this Miller Family do not know if this Christian Miller came to this country as an orphan or not, but there were at least three brothers who came at the same time, namely, Andrew Miller who was married to Elizabeth Stoltzfus, the daughter of the first Bishop Christian Stoltzfus, and lived on the farm now owned by Daniel Miller of near Monterey. Another brother of Christian Miller was Joseph Miller, or better known as (Sep) Miller who lived and died in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Another brother of Christian Miller was John Miller who took sick and died on the voyage to America and was buried in the sea. He had with him two known children who landed safely in America and were taken care of by the Miller family. The one boy was Mosie Miller who lived, married and died in Maryland, and raised a family of twelve children. The other child of the above mentioned John Miller was Barbara Miller, and better known by the descendants as "Aunt Bebly Miller." She was born June 2, 1816 in Europe, died Feb. 10, 1878, at the age of 61 years. She had in her possession when she died a large number of old letters written to her from her relatives in Mifflin County, some from the Gascho's of Canada, some from the Petersheims of Somerset County, and from many other sources, mostly in German script. They are in the hands of some of the descendants and are still readable.

According to the History of the Diener Family, Christian Miller had a sister Magdalena Miller who was born in France, and married to George Diener. They both died in France before 1838.

(2) Christian Miller and wife, Fannie Petersheim (1), were supposed to have lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Kinsinger in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1838 and is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery. The widow, Fannie Miller, with her two children, namely, (3) Susan Miller and Christian Miller, had the privilege to work for and care for an aged couple that lived on the farm now occupied by Pre. Stephen U. Zook, a few miles northwest of New Holland. When she died they buried her in the Groffdale Cemetery.

(3) Susan Miller (2), the oldest of the two children, was born about 1824, married to Henry Umble. They had three children, namely, (4) Nancy Umble (3), married Nicholas Summers; (5) Christian Umble (3), married to Elizabeth Fisher; and (6) Henry Umble (3), married to Malinda Glick. Their families are mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church. The old Christian Miller Family Bible, which he brought along from France, was in the possession of the Henry Umble family till they no longer had use for the German language, they returned it to some others of the Miller descendants.

The other child of Christian and Fannie (Petersheim) Miller was (7) Christian Miller (2), born Jan. 31, 1826, died Feb. 18, 1901, married Jan. 23, 1848 to Lydia Stoltzfus, the daughter of Bishop John and Mary (Mast) Stoltzfus of Groffdale. They for sometime lived on and occupied the farm where Stephen U. Zooks live. To this union were born nine children, five of whom died young and are buried in the Groffdale Cemetery. The rest are, namely, (8) John Miller (7), born Sept. 24, 1850, married to Nancy Blank, born Dec. 25, 1848. From this John Miller Family of Lancaster County are the only families to bear the name Miller.

To this family were born six children, namely, (9) Mary Miller (8), married to Jacob Esch, who was a jeweler and farmer in the vicinity of Intercourse; (10) Lydia Miller (8), married to Pre. Jonas Ebersol, raised a family and lived in the vicinity of Monterey; (11) Jacob Miller (8), married to Mary Stoltzfus; (12) Fannie Miller (8), married to Samuel Augsburger; (13) Christian Miller (8), married to Sarah Petersheim; and (14) John Miller (8), the youngest, married to Annie Lapp.

Another child of Christian and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Miller was (15) Fanny Miller (7), married to David H. Beiler, who was born in Union County. They had two children but both died single. Another child was (16) Christian Miller (7), married to Barbara Stoltzfus. Only two of their children grew to adulthood, namely, (17) Lydia Miller (16), married to Deacon Henry Beiler, and (18) Lefena (16), married to Christian Lapp.

Another child of Christian and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Miller was (18) Mary Miller (7), married to Bishop Benjamin F. Beiler, who was widely known and raised his family in the vicinity of Ronks, where their descendants are still located.

The above mentioned Miller families and their descendants are the only Amish by the name of Miller living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania today. There were numerous early Miller families living in Berks County before 1800, but it seems those that stayed with the Amish Church moved, first to Somerset County, later to Holmes County, Ohio, and to the western states where the name Miller is commonly found in rural communities.

To mention a few Amish families who moved out of Berks County are those of (Schmit) Christian Miller, Indian John Miller, Broad Run John Miller, and a few of the Christian Miller descendants of Shillington, Berks County, who all have descendants living throughout the western states.

by Amos L. Fisher

The third part of Joseph Stoll's article, "The Amish Church of Montbeliard, France," will be published in a later issue.

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gain. In many cases the initial grant showed a few extra acres on being surveyed, at times as high as twenty acres, to the advantage of the grantee. There was always an allowance made for roads to be built in the future. As we watch these communities develop we find that these German Swiss settlers were efficient operators. Surely they wanted roads but many of them would not have a road go through their tract but on the boundary. Some of the larger tracts had roads laid out to divide the properties accordingly.

The proprietors of Pennsylvania were Quakers. They were church going people so they promoted church sites and were generous in giving to this cause. Many a landgrant shows a dotted line plot of ten to twenty acres to be used for church grounds.

Since we have already touched a few subjects concerning the proprietors of Pennsylvania, perhaps we should add a few more notes of interest. While we have stated that our pioneers have pushed northwestward into the unpatroled wilds, they were, nevertheless, not without security. At this date (1737) a territory was open for white settlers west to the Susquehanna River and north to the Blue Mountains. How much preference or choice our forefathers had to select a region of their liking is not exactly known. When we stop to think that over forty families of one origin and one creed settled within a radius of twenty miles, we are made to believe it was not an act of chance, rather, it was carefully planned and they were directed by someone.

Most church history writers have their mind focused on our bold and adventurous forefathers, our church leaders, their hardships as well as their success and failures. The kind deeds and the brilliant motives of the Honorable William Penn are underemphasized or even often left out. He was a God sent man. Not only did he welcome the weary refugees and tenants to the new country, but he also cared and provided for them when they came. This is illustrated in a letter that William Penn wrote to the kingdom of England after his new colony in Penn's woods was established, telling of his success. Contents of the letter[1] tell that the new colony was not settled by chance but by his careful and shrewd planning. Here we will quote only a few of the high points: "The English people were settled in the center of his capital, Philadelphia. Next to this center he placed the Germans in a fan chaped community north and west. The Germans were adapted to craftsmanship, weaving, carpenter work, etc. This section soon grew into industry. Next to these he placed the German Swiss farmers in the fertile valleys of Bucks, Berks, and parts of Chester, Lancaster, and Northampton Counties. Beyond these boundaries he placed a Scotch-Irish tribe, a robust fighting type, to protect the breadbasket from the Indians."

Although William Penn had died long before our given date, he certainly laid a concrete foundation, on which his successors could faithfully build upon and these settings were essential in establishing our fatherland colony in America as well as being effective to many of us even today.

How did they find their tract after it was granted to them? There were no roads close to this tract in 1737. They may have followed an Indian trail marked by arrows on trees, but more likely they followed the Schuylkill River from Philadelphia to near Centerport, and the Irish Creek from there to the tract. The tract itself may have been indentified by marked trees.

As we take another look at our landgrant we see that Jacob Beiler was granted 178 acres and John Sieber 184 acres. These men were truly pioneers. There was vacant land to the south and east. The Zimmerman tract was granted a few years later than 1737, so chances are they had one neighbor to the west. Perhaps they were more concerned who their future neighbors will be than the present ones.

The Beiler homestead was explored in January of 1971 by David Glick, Levi L. Stoltzfus and the writer, perhaps the first Amish to set foot on the formerly Beiler soils for quite a span of time. The landgrant sketches were the only means to locate our destination. We traveled northwest from Bernville till we came to the heads of Irish Creek, formerly called Plum Creek. We did, however, first reach Molasses Hill Road which led us to Molasses Hill, a landmark noted on one of the old Beiler deeds. After talking to a farmer to inquire of some old deeds that would trace back to the original tract, he informed us that in 1931 the Reading banks bought up all this land and lumped it together, selling it to various parties at a later time, which would make it virtually impossible to trace them back. After gaining his consent we started out by foot across the fields, following the corn rows till we came in sight of a north branch of Irish Creek. There we proceeded north until we reached the forks of the creek as shown onour sketch. Inside the forks northward are the remains of the old house, remaining foundations of the old barn and foundations of a larger set of buildings nearby to indicate that a larger set of buildings replaced the old ones, but the old house is the only one that has standing remains. An abandoned well is evident, also a cave built with hand made bricks. Experienced observers of old buildings have visited the site since and have concluded that the old house was built in the 1750 era, the newer buildings' architecture matches the still standing buildings about 900 feet to the west. Together with the two caves they have an estimated date of 1770, which seems to be well in line of the date which the senior Jacob divided the farm and erected a new set of buildings for Jacob Beiler Jr. From here we could see the probable plot of hemp patch and the ground laid out for the tannery, and the waterright that Jacob Beiler mentions in his will. An old tree standing in front of the house is estimated to be older than the house.

It was a day well spent.

to be continued

Joseph F. Beiler

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[1] Apears in the "Logan's Papers," Logan being the Secretary of William Penn.

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Continued from January issue

Landgrants – Introduction

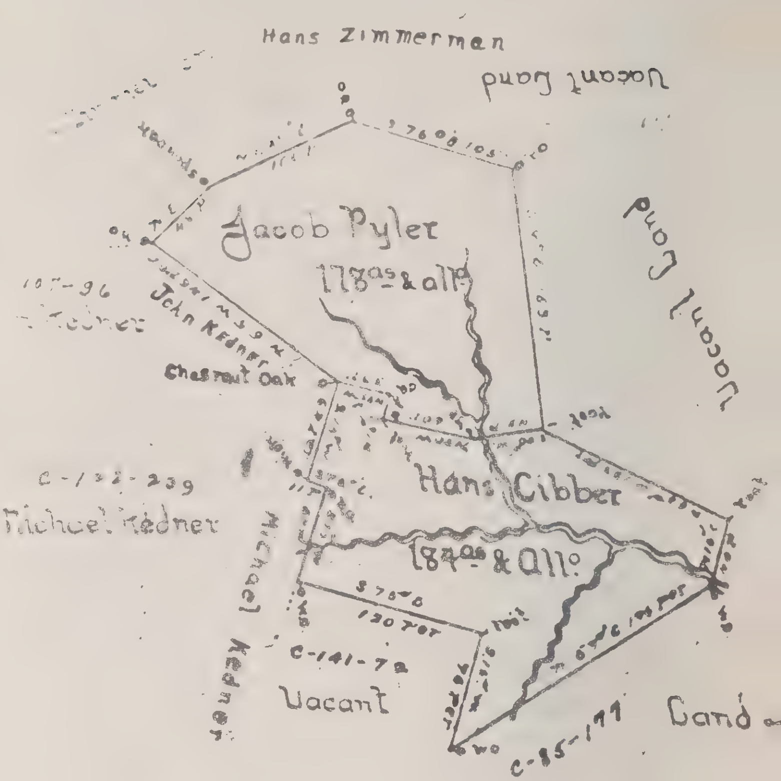
There are quite a few sources of mean information to gather or compile the names and homesteads of the first Amish Church organized in America. By the shiplists we can get the names and dates of arrival. The best method to locate the family homesteads is by landgrants. These are filed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They are open to the general public, to some extent they are regarded as taxpayers' property. Without this privilege we could not begin this article.

At this time we propose a series of articles of landgrants of our fathers in Berks County, Lebanon County, and northeastern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It is our aim to include all of our families who were in some way connected with the church in pioneer days. Most of these families can be traced directly to our present generation lines by our genealogists, but there will be a surprising number of lines that have run out, or have drifted to more progressive fields.

A question frequently asked, how do we know, when we see a familiar name, if this family was really Amish. Only with the aid of wills, deed releases, the alms book, and family registers, can a line be pieced together. The landgrant sketch is only used to pinpoint the location which can be done to a high degree of accuracy.

Our readers must bear in mind that these articles are only study releases and cannot be regarded as a finished product, they are subject to error and changes. We would prefer to follow family names in alphabetical order, but there will be exceptions. Editorial.

What is good about a landgrant?



This sketch is a typical example. It is a rude sketch of land in now Berks County, Pennsylvania granted by Thomas and Richard Penn, the proprietors of Pennsylvania, to Jacob Beiler and John Sieber, jointly.

The definition of landgrant in today's Webster's version is, a grant from the government of public land for a college, highway, railroad, etc. In pioneer days it was an agreement or warrant between the government and an individual to a tract of land in the forest, in a virgin state, uncultivated, unpatroled, and, to a great degree, unprotected.

The land was formerly bought from the Indians by an agreement that they must move west and north. The grantee was opportuned to move with his family on this tract to clear and cultivate the virgin soils. The government will survey the tract and the grantee will have option to buy it. If he is satisfied with the deal he will make a payment and then receive a patent or a deed. The pioneer must have much courage since he is foreign to the new country, and he must have much confidence in the English Government, to which he has already signed an allegiance. The government is a few thousand miles away, across the ocean. In a few years they could change their policy and conquer this tract to reap the benefits of the pioneers' natural gain, besides the thought that English enemies could invade their land. With the frail governing body in the new colony this could be at least possible. Those that did have confidence in the grantor could nearly always realize a material

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LANCASTER CO., PA. MEN HAD HEART ATTACKS

Pre. Henry U. Fisher, 58, Strasburg R1, died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 3, at 12:30 p.m. while working in Strasburg Township. The man he was working for went to eat lunch and Henry said he was going to eat too. When the man returned he found Henry lying on the ground. He apparently died instantly. The deputy coroner said death was due to a blood clot in the heart. (See obituary)

Isaac F. Lapp, 59, Ronks R1, died Friday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m. at his home. He had gone to the barn to get his horse ready to attend the funeral of Henry U. Fisher when he suffered a heart attack and died instantly. (See obituary)

YOUTH RECEIVED BURNS IN FIRE ACCIDENT

Jacob Jr., 16, son of Jacob and Malinda (Eicher) Brandenberger of Camden R1, Mich., received 2nd and 3rd degree burns on the legs while lighting a trash fire at the new home they bought in the Bronson, Michigan area on Saturday, April 27th. He was admitted to the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SNYDER CO., PA. ACCIDENT

Sam D. Yoder of Winfield had an accident while doing some welding. He thought he couldn't see and pushed the shield away just a moment and it was too much for his eyes. He was very miserable for a day and a night. So we put bread and milk on and that gave him relief, also pow wowed for fire. He is O K again.

Community Note – Winfield, Snyder Co., Pa.

Manass R. Yoders are building a new house. His wife is Susie, daughter of Enos E. Hershbergers. They had two frolics so far.

A bus load from here were at the barn raising at McClure R1 for Eli J. Yoder on the 25th. There were 150 men present.

BISHOP DIED AT AGE 90

David D. Miller of Geauga County, Ohio died April 12. He was ordained minister in 1919 and bishop in 1944. He had been blind the last few years but still attended church when he was able and would take his part at times even after he could not read. He fell and broke his hip last fall from which he suffered much and finally was bedfast until he died. (See obituary)

MICH. BOY BURNED IN SHOP FIRE

Henry, 10-year-old son of Joe Bylers of Mio, Michigan, was burned quite badly Saturday, April 20, when he and his brother were starting a fire in a stove in their shop. They were boiling sap. He had burns on his leg, hand and face. He is being cared for at home and seems to have improved a lot, but may still need skin grafting on his leg.

IND. MAN CONFINED TO WHEEL CHAIR

Joseph T. Schwartz of Spencerville R1, who was in a serious accident Nov. 28, 1973 (see front page, Nov. 1973 issue), and in the hospital all this time, was able to come home a day or so before their communion services on Easter. He is confined to a wheel chair.

LANCASTER CO., PA. ACCIDENT

Christ, age 16, son of Henry F. Fishers of Willow Street R1, spent a few days in Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital after a young colt kicked him in the face.

Community Note – Grey County, Ontario

This is the time of year when fish fever strikes some people. We are allowed to take suckers and mullets with a net. Right now they are on their spawning run by the thousands. All those who went returned with all the fish they wanted. The best for this spring was six bags full in ten minutes, all from one place. You must almost see it to believe how thick they come up the creek.

"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"..
Mark 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BAWELL, James S. (Katie Fisher) Gordonville R1 a son **JAMES S. JR.**, April 21

BEILER, Christian K. (Naomi Zook) 181 Horseshoe Rd. Leola, a daughter **MARTHA**, April 26

BEILER, David E. (Rebecca Riehl) Narvon R2 a son **LEVI S.**, April 12

FISHER, Daniel K. (Annie S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R2 a daughter **LEVINA S.**, April 15

FISHER, Jonas S. (Salome King) Kinzers R1 a son **SAMUEL JAY**, April 7

FISHER, Stephen E. (Sarah E. King) Quarryville R3 a daughter **MALINDA K.**, April 13

GLICK, Abner Z. (Barbara E. Kauffman) Quarryville R3 a son **BENJAMIN K.**, April 23

KING, Bennie B. (Rebecca S. Zook) Mine Rd., Paradise R1, a daughter **RUTH Z.**, April 14

KING, Christian (Priscilla F. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son, April 29

KING, Daniel F. (Rebecca S. Blank) Narvon R2 a daughter **SYLVIA**, April 3

KING, John Z. (Anna K. Stoltzfus) Rockvale Rd. Lancaster R4, a son **IVAN S.**, April 11

KING, Jonas (Priscilla King) Morgantown R1 a son **ELMER M.**, April 22

RIEHL, Amos (Annie Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1 a daughter **KATIE ANNE**, April 12

RIEHL, Daniel E. (Mary L. King) E. Eby Rd., Leola a daughter **REBECCA K.** April 5

SMUCKER, Jonas (Mary Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1 a son **SAMUEL S.**, April 26

STOLTZFUS, Christ K. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Groffdale Rd. Leola, a daughter **RACHEL**, April 6

STOLTZFUS, David F. (Elizabeth R. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son **DANIEL**, April 15

STOLTZFUS, Levi F. (Fannie Kauffman) New Holland R2, a daughter **EMMA**, April 17

STOLTZFUS, Melvin (Ruth Smucker) Talmage a son **ELMER LYNN**, April 29

STOLTZFUS, Melvin J. (Barbara Lapp) Lititz R2 a daughter **LAVINA E.**, April 26

ZOOK, Christian B. (Sarah E. Fisher) Kinzers R1 a son **AMOS F.**, April 9

ZOOK, Daniel S. (Malinda Beiler) Gordonville R1 a daughter **SUSANNE**, April 13

Dover, Delaware

BYLER, Eli C. (Ida Coblentz) Hartly R1 a daughter **KATHRYN**, April 2

KING, Jonas J. (Gertrude Byler) Dover R2 a daughter **MIRIAM**, April 14

MILLER, Sam D. (Anna Byler) Dover R2 a son **SAMUEL**, April 10

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

LAPP, John B. (Naomi Lantz) Myerstown R2 a daughter **LYDIANN**, March 31

LAPP, Levi F. (Elizabeth Riehl) Myerstown R2 twins **JAMES & JOHN**, April 27

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Seth J. (Malinda Zook) Reedsville a daughter **LYDIA**, April 15

KANAGY, Henry (Annie Peachey) Belleville a daughter **SUSAN**, April 26

KANAGY, John (Mary Renno) Belleville a daughter **RUTH**, April 11

YODER, Samuel L. (Barbara Zook) Reedsville a son **JOHN**, March 24

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

PEACHEY, Ezra E. (Ada Hostetler) Mifflintown R2 a daughter **NAOMI**, April 15

WEAVER, Abe P. (Druscilla Hochstetler) McAlisterville R2, a daughter **RACHEL**, April 17

WEAVER, Roy E. (Olive Hostetler) Mifflintown R2 a daughter **TENA**, April 16

Oakland, Maryland

GARBER, Amos C. (Katie Miller) Oakland a son **TITUS MATTHEW**, April 4

MILLER, Uriah J. (Celesta Schlabach) Oakland a son **DAVID WAYNE**, April 6

PETERSHEIM, John (Amelia Kauffman) Oakland a son **LLOYD ERVIN**, April 4

SLABAUGH, Homer (Rhoda Zook) Oakland a daughter **LILLIAN YVONNE**, April 13

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Somerset County, Pennsylvania

KINSINGER, Samuel A. (Effie Summy) Meyersdale a daughter SUSIE, April 30 It lived only 1½ hours.

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Dan R. (Elizabeth Hostetler) a daughter BENA, April 22

BYLER, John F, (Emma Shetler) a son RUDY, April 19

HOSTETLER, Menno (Nancy Byler) a son CHRIS, April 27

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

MILLER, Jonas A. (Barbara Byler) a son ALLEN, March

MILLER, Mahlon M. (Martha Mullet) a daughter CELESTA, April 28

Conewango Valley, New York

DETWEILER, Noah (Mattie Miller) a son, died 15 minutes later, April 19

HERSHBERGER, John (Lizziann Miller) a daughter EMMA, April 5

RABER, Eli (Fronie Yoder) a son URIE, April 1

Geauga County, Ohio

MILLER, John E. (Mary Ann Schmucker) a daughter CORA, April 4

TROYER, Mose (Anna Marie Glick) a daughter MARTHA, March 30

Ashtabula County, Ohio

MILLER, Dan J. (Sylvia Hershberger) Orwell a daughter LAURA, April 22

Wayne and Holmes Counties, Ohio

CHUPP, Paul (Ida Miller) Holmesville R1 a daughter EMMA, April 17

HERSHBERGER, Atlee (Anna Swartzentruber) Apple Creek R2, a daughter MARY in March

MAST, Mose J. (Edna Yoder) Baltic R1, a son, March 31

MILLER, Abe E. (Sarah Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a son ELI in April

MILLER, Allen N. (Calista Shrock) a son MAHLON, April 13

MILLER, Allen W. (Esther Mast) Millersburg a son WAYNE, March 29

MILLER, Jake D. (Esther Lehman) Millersburg R5 a son ALVIN, April 2

MILLER, Jonas D. (Verna Miller) Millersburg R5 a daughter ESTHER, April 8

MILLER, Levi J. D. (Ada Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter VERBA, April 11

MILLER, Marvin (Amanda Nisley) Winesburg a daughter BARBARA ANN, April 29

MILLER, Roy (Fannie Yoder) Dundee R1 a son MARION, April 28

MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Millersburg R5 a son, March 14

SCHLABACH, Pre. Abe A. (Mary Miller) a daughter LAURA, April 12

SWARTZENTRUBER, Jacob (Annie Petersheim) Millersburg R5, a son NOAH, April 7

WENGERD, Raymond (Mary Yoder) Orrville R3 a daughter MARTHA, April 7

YODER, Benjamin J. (Lizzie Ann Bowman) Baltic R1 a daughter LUELLA, April 28

YODER, Ervin (Sarah Miller) Millersburg R5 a daughter MIRIAM, April 15

YODER, John E. (Katie Ann Yoder) Baltic R1 a daughter SUSAN, April 20

YODER, Levi A. (Mary Raber) Millersburg R3 a son MAHLON, April 18

YODER, Mose J. (Anna Troyer) Millersburg R5 a daughter BENA, April 22

Centreville, Michigan

BONTRAGER, Alvin (Esther Miller) a daughter RUTH, April 23

BONTRAGER, John (Phyllis I. Yoder) a daughter KATHRYN, April 18

BONTRAGER, Levi (Mary Esther Yoder) a daughter SUSAN, April 25

BORKHOLDER, Leroy (Clara Bontrager) a daughter DELILAH IONA, April 11

MILLER, Roman W. (Edna Bontrager) Centreville a son IVAN, April 7

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Menno (Mary Lou Eicher) St. Joe a son ORA, April 22, died April 25

GRABER, Mervin (Margaret Schwartz) Grabill a son MAHLON, April 1

HILTY, Alvin (Rachel Schwartz) Spencerville a daughter KATHRYN, April

LENGACHER, David (Rosann Graber) Grabill a son ELAM, April 14

SCHMUCKER, Pete (Annette Schwartz) Woodburn a son DENNIS, April 20

WICKEY, James (Anna Mae Schmucker) Spencerville a daughter ARLENE, March 17

Adams County, Indiana

GRABER, John J. (Barbara M. Hilty) Geneva R2 a daughter MARGARET, April 1

GRABER, Jonas J. (Mattie Lambright) Geneva R2 a son JOHN, April 21

HILTY, Elmer A. (Lydia Graber) Monroe R1 a son ANDY, April 16

HILTY, Joe L. (Mary Ann Wickey) Monroe R1 a son JONATHAN, April 13

SCHWARTZ, Joe U. (Rosie H. Schwartz) Monroe R1 a daughter LAURA, April 30

SCHWARTZ, Peter E. (Josephine Girod) Geneva R2 a daughter BARBARA, March 23

SHETLER, Sam M. (Amanda N. Schwartz) Berne R1 a son NATHANIEL, April 5

TROYER, Neil E. (Lizzie R. Yoder) Geneva R2 a son SIMON, April

WICKEY, Dave (Bertha Schwartz) Berne R2 a son, April

WICKEY, Jerry J. (Anna J. Weaver) Monroe R1 a daughter ANNA, April 8

BIRTHS, Continued

Elkhart County, Indiana
BORKHOLDER, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. , Shipshewana
a daughter on April 18
KING, Melvin (Wilma Mast) Middlebury R3
a son LARRY DEAN, April 6
NISLEY, LeRoy (Katie Yoder) Goshen R1
a son DAVID DEAN, April 2
YODER, Calvin H. (Wilma Byler) Millersburg R1
a son on April 4
YODER, Freeman J. (Susie Miller) Fort Wayne
a daughter IDA, March 29
YODER, Levi A. (Pauline Troyer) Goshen R1
a daughter MARY ELLEN, March 31

LaGrange County, Indiana
BONTRAGER, Orva S. (Wilma Frey) Shipshewana R1
a son VERNON RAY, March 30
HOCHSTEDLER, Ervin R. (Lillie Barkman) Shipshewana R2, a son FLOYD JAY, March 23
LAMBRIGHT, Orlie (Mary Yoder) Topeka R1
a son DANIEL O. , April 4
PETERSHEIM, Orva J.(Edith Stutzman) Topeka R1
a daughter IRENE O., March 23
SCHROCK, Perry (Wilma Raber) Topeka R1
twins MARY & MATTIE, April 26
TROYER, Andrew C. (Mary Miller) Middlebury R2
a son JOHN ALAN, April 7
YODER, Daniel W. (Mary Lehman) Middlebury R3
a son OLEN D. ,April 13
YODER, Daniel W. (Susie Schlabach) Topeka R2
a son MERVIN D., April 14

Nappanee, Indiana
SCHMUCKER, Melvin (Erma Helmuth) Leesburg R2
a son DONNALD JAY, April 21
STUTZMAN, Glen (Lizzie Mae Hochstetler) Nappanee
a daughter LISA MAE, April 24

Kokomo, Indiana
MILLER, Jonas M. (Barbara Ann Hochstedler)
Converse R1, a daughter IRENE, April 1

Reno County, Kansas
MILLER, Alvin L. (Fannie Schrock)
a daughter WANDA FERN, Aprtl 15

Pike County, Missouri
LEE, Noah (Emma Schwartz) Bowling Green
a son ALBERT, April 17

Anabel, Missouri
MILLER, Chrissie J. (Mattie Borntrager) Anabel
a son LEROY, April 6

Audrain County, Missouri
BORNTRAGER, Albert (Lena Miller) Clark
a son JOE, March 30
HOCHSTETLER, Levi L. Jr. (Lena Gingerich)
a daughter MARY, April 14
MILLER, Levi J. (Sarah Miller)
a daughter MARY, April 27

Buchanan County, Iowa
STUTZMAN, Edd (Betty Schmucker) Hazleton
a son ALLEN, April 11

Wilton, Wisconsin
YODER, Marvin F. (Katie Miller)
a son TOBIAS, April 25

Vernon County, Wisconsin
HERSHBERGER, Emanuel (Amanda Kempf) Westby
a son ALVIN, April 18
YODER, Aden L. (Mattie Miller) Westby
a son ELI, April 11

Trempealeau County, Wisconsin
LAMBRIGHT, John A. (Dora Schrock) Blair
a daughter SARAHETTA, April 12
MILLER, Wm. J. (Elsie Mast) Blair
a daughter BARBARA, April 3

Grey County, Ontario
GINGERICH, Moses J. (Ella Yoder) Desboro R1
a son MOSES, April 4
SHETLER, Levi L. (Mary Hostetler) Chatsworth R2
a daughter MARY, April 23

Aylmer, Ontario
EICHER, LeRoy (Sarah Troyer)
a daughter MAGDALENA, April 29

Norwich, Ontario
STUTZMAN, Andrew N. (Susan Stutzman) Tillsonburg R7
a daughter MARY, April 16

Lucknow, Ontario
SHETLER, Joni (Mary Gingerich) Lucknow R1
a daughter ELIZABETH, March 19

Milverton, Ontario
KUEPFER, Lloyd (Laura Wagler) Linwood R1
a son, April 28
KUEPFER, Manuel (Mary Albrecht) Millbank R1
a daughter RUTH, April 4
STREICHER, Levi (Catherine Albrecht) Milverton R2
a daughter LINDA, April 10
ZEHR, Aaron (Esther Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a daughter NANCY, April 11

BAPTISMS

Centreville, Michigan
March 3, by Bishop William J. Bontrager
in Bishop Toby L. Yoder District
Jonas, son of Phineas B. Yoder
Neal, son of Willis D. Yoder
Violet, dau. of Willis D. Yoder
Elizabeth, dau. of Willis D. Yoder

Allen County, Indiana
April 5, by Bishop Joseph Schwartz
Louis, son of Albert and Martha (Wittmer) Schmucker
John, son of Daniel and Rosa (Eicher) Miller
Dennis, son of Jesse and Mary (Schwartz) Graber
Ernie, son of Christy and Leah (Wittmer) Schmucker
Rebecca, dau. of Amos and Emma (Schmucker) Graber
Marie, dau. of Menno and Maggie (Steury) Schmucker

Ruth, dau. of Elmer and Anna (Schmucker) Lengacher
Anna, dau. of Henry and Anna (Zehr) Schmucker
Lillian, dau. of William & Magdalena (Lengacher) Schmucker
Eva, dau. of William & Magdalena (Lengacher) Schmucker
April 14, by Bishop Noah Eicher
John, son of Noah and Mary (Schmucker) Eicher
April 28, by Bishop Joseph Delegrange
Daniel, son of David and Anna (Graber) Schmucker
Ezra, son of Daniel and Barbara (Graber) Eicher
Samuel, son of Henry and Martha (Graber) Schwartz
Rosa, dau. of Joseph and Marie (Lengacher) Delagrange
Lucy, dau. of John and Rosa (Graber) Miller
Lucy, dau. of Joseph and Lilly (Miller) Graber
Malinda, dau. of Andrew and Anna (Lengacher) Graber
Marjorie, dau. of Victor & Mary Ann (Graber) Lengacher
Rose Mary, dau. of Daniel and Barbara (Graber) Eicher

Adams County, Indiana
April 7, in South Wabash District
by John C. Schwartz
Dan J. M., son of Joe E. Schwartzs, Geneva R2
Joe A. J., son of Amos N. Eicher, Geneva R2
Bertha J. M., dau. of Joe E. Schwartzs, Geneva R2
Mary A. J., dau. of Amos N. Eichers, Geneva R2
Esther J., dau. of John E. Schwartzs, Geneva R2

Garnett, Kansas
April 7, by Bishop Jerry Yoder
Daniel, son of Feltie and Bertha Schrock
Ellen Mae, dau. of John Jr. and Bertha Yoder
Nancy, dau. of Melvin and Lizzie Ann Troyer

ORDINATIONS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

John L. Miller, 30, Leola R1, was ordained minister in the Upper Millcreek–Talmage District, April 13. He is a son of Elam and Rachel Miller of Leola. His wife, Rebecca, is a daughter of Pre. Daniel K. and Anna King of Lancaster R.D. With him in the lot of 9 men were Amos K. Lapp, Elam K. King, John J. Beiler, Ephraim G. Zook, Elam F. Lapp, Abram S. Stoltzfus, Henry M. Stoltzfus, and David G. Zook.

Jonas L. Beiler, 32, Hartman Bridge Rd., Lancaster, was ordained minister in the Upper Pequea–Smoketown District, April 13. He is a son of Christ P. and Lydia Beiler of Ronks. His wife, Sarah, is a daughter of Elias F. and Suvilla Stoltzfus of New Holland. With him in the lot of 7 men were Christ S. Zook, Christ L. Beiler, Isaac Ebersol, Jonathan E. Fisher, and Christ B. Glick.

Samuel M. Stoltzfus, 50, Kirkwood R1, was ordained deacon in the North Kirkwood District, April 13. He is a son of Stephen S. and Rachel Stoltzfus and lives on the home farm. His wife, Mary, is a daughter of Aquilla and Arie Riehl of Bird-in-Hand R1. With him in the lot of 7 men were Benjamin K. Stoltzfus, John S. Stoltzfus, David B. King, John A. Lapp, Aaron S. Lapp, and Samuel R. Beiler.

Amos M. Stoltzfus, 46, Bird-in-Hand R1, was ordained bishop in the Millcreek–Witmer District, April 18. He was ordained minister in 1967. With him in the lot was Pre. Daniel K. King.

David F. King, 40, 1902 Pioneer Road, Lancaster, was ordained deacon in the Upper Pequea–Greenland District, April 19. He is a son of Pre. Ephraim K. and Sarah King of Ronks R1. His wife, Sadie, is a daughter of Pre. Eli S. and Emma Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1. With him in the lot of 4 men were Joseph L. Beiler, David S. Smucker, and Elam S. Glick.

Omar F. Glick, 26, Gap R1, was ordained minister in the Lower Pequea–Spring Garden District, April 20. He is a son of Bishop John F. and Barbara Glick and lives on the home farm. His wife, Barbara, is a daughter of Elias R. and Catherine Stoltzfus of Limeville. With him in the lot of 4 men were Elmer S. Stoltzfus, Jonathan E. Smucker, and Levi S. Beiler.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Gideon L. Renno, 27, McAlisterville R1, was ordained deacon in North District, April 21. He is a son of David Y. and Lydia Renno; his wife is a daughter of Pre. Leroy S. Yoder of that district.

Wayne County, Ohio

Ervin Hershberger, Dundee R1, was ordained minister in Isaac I. Miller district, April 30. He is a son of Eli and Edna (Yoder) Hershberger.

Holmes County, Ohio

John Miller, 39, was ordained minister in the East Clark District, April 30. He is a son of Emanuel J. Miller. His wife, Katie, is a daughter of Abe J. Yoder of Orrville vicinity.

Allen County, Indiana

David Schmidt, Spencerville R1, was ordained deacon in Bishop Victor Graber district, April 21. He is a son of Emanuel and Barbara (Schwartz) Schmidt. His wife, Mary, is a daughter of Amos and Katherine (Stauffer) Schmucker.

Adams County, Indiana

Christ M. Schwartz, 47, Berne R2, was ordained minister in East District, April 13.

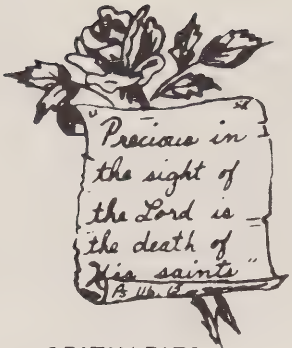
Reuben N. Schwartz, 31, Monroe R1, son of Noah L. Schwartzs, and Noah R. Schwartz, 48, Monroe R1, son of John J. Schwartz, were both ordained ministers in North District, April 15.

Milton, Iowa

Henry Mullet Jr., 38, was ordained deacon in the Middle District, April 14. He is the son of Henry Mullet Sr.

Eli A. Byler, 38, Milton R1, was ordained minister in the North District, April 21. He is the son of Minister Andy Byler.

Joe F. Bontrager, 50, Pulaske, was ordained deacon in the South District, April 23. He is the son of Bishop Levi Bontrager.


"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"

OBITUARIES

BORNTRAGER, Mrs. Harvey (Lena), Haven, Ks.

died at her home Saturday Morning, April 6, at the age of 75 yr., 6 mo., 23 days, after a lingering illness. Born Sept. 13, 1898 she was a daughter of the late Leander and Mattie (Nissley) Keim of Haven, Kansas. Surviving are her husband; two sons, Leander of Buhler, Kans., and Edwin of Haven, Kans.; five daughters, Mrs. Jake (Emma) Stutzman of Franklin, Ky., Mrs. Frank (Laura) Bezemek of Geneseo, Kans., Mrs. Joe C. (Mattie) Borntrager of Wilton, Wisconsin, Mrs. Paul (Elizabeth) Dettwiler of Hutchinson, Kans., Mrs. Perry Esw. (Ada) Eash of Haven, Kans.; two sisters, three brothers, 28 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents, one son and one grandson.

Funeral services were held Tue., April 9 by Bishop David E. Schrock of the home church, nephew Larry Keim of Garnett, Kansas, and Andrew A. Bontrager of Haven, Kansas in English.

BEILER, Mrs. Mary F., 49, Kinzers R1, Pa.

died at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Saturday evening, April 20, following a lengthy illness. She was the wife of Christian F. Beiler. Born in Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late Joel and Sarah (Fisher) King. Besides her husband she is survived by the following children: Joel K. Beiler, New Holland R2; Sarah K., wife of Dale McGallicher, Kinzers R1; Barbara, wife of Christ L. Beiler, New Holland R1; Abram K., Malinda K., Christ Jr., Jonas K. and Mary Ann Beiler, all at home, and four grandchildren. Also surviving are a step-mother, Mrs. Malinda King, Bird-in-Hand R1, and the following brothers and sisters: Jonas King, Ronks R1; Joel King, Gap R1; Hannah, wife of Abner Glick; Annie, wife of Levi Beiler, and Katie, wife of Henry King, all three of Christiana R1; Sarah, wife of Samuel P. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; and one step-brother, Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9 a.m. April 23 by Bishop John F. Glick and Bishop Jonas S. Lapp; jymn 360 was read by Dea. Amos F. Beiler; burial in Millwood Cemetery; hymn read by Pre. Henry S. Stoltzfus; abschied by Pre. Gideon Riehl. Her age was 49 yr., 1 mo., 18 days.

FISHER, Henry U., 58, Strasburg R1, Pa.

died Wed., April 3 while working in Strasburg Twp. (See front page.) He was the husband of Mattie (Stoltzfus) Fisher. Born in East Lampeter Twp., he was a son of the late Christian L. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher. He was ordained minister in 1944. Surviving are his wife, five faughters and three sons: Mary S., wife of Abner F. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; Rachel S., wife of Eli S. Esh, Ronks R1; Katie S., wife of Daniel E. Fisher, Strasburg R1; Sadie S., wife of Amos Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; Miriam F., wife of Melvin L. Fisher, Ronks R1; Daniel M. and Benuel S., both of Strasburg R1; and Henry Jr., at home; twenty five grandchildren, one brother and six sisters: Mrs. Sarah Glick, Gap R1; Mrs. Rachel Beiler, Leola R1; Mary, wife of Jonas Zook, New Holland R2; Annie, wife of Elam Zook, Elverson R1; Miss Malinda S. Fisher, Ronks R1; and Rebecca, wife of Aaron J. Stoltzfus, Gap R1.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9 a.m. April 5 by Bishop Amos S. Lapp and Pre. John K. Lapp; hymn read by Dea. Jonathan Z. Beiler; hymn at graveyard by Pre. Levi H. Fisher; abschied by Pre. Elam A. Beiler; burial in Beiler's Cemetery. His age was 58 yr., 11 mo., 6 days.

GLICK, Mrs. Sarah S., 80, Gap R1, Pa.

died Tuesday, April 30, at 11:25 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joel Zook, Gap. She had been under the care of a physician. She was the widow of John K. Glick who died in November of 1972. Born in East Lampeter Twp., she was a daughter of the late Christian L. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher. She is survived by the following children, Christ F., Gap R1; Rachel, wife of Joel Zook, Gap; David F., Middlebury, Ind.; and Emma, wife of Abner Zook, Womelsdorf; 24 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Christian M. Fisher, Ronks R1; and five sisters, Mrs. Rachel Beiler, Leola R1; Mary, wife of Jonas S. Zook, New Holland R2; Annie, wife of Elam S. Zook, Elverson R2; Miss Malinda Fisher, Ronks R1; and Rebecca, wife of Aaron J. Stoltzfus, Gap R1. Her age was 80 yr., 4 mo., 17 days.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 3, at the Christ F. Glick residence by Pre. Melvin Yoder and Bishop David J. Miller, both from Martinsburg, Ohio; hymn read by Dea. Jonathan Lantz; hymn at graveyard read by Dea. David E. Stoltzfus; abschied by Pre. John O. Stoltzfusl burial was in Beuna Vista Cemetery.

GRABER, Ora, 3 days, Allen County, Indiana

son of Menno and Mary Lou (Eicher) Graber, died April 25. Also surviving are the grandparents, Levi and Edith (Miller) Graber of Hicksville, Ohio, and Joseph and Mary (Miller) Eicher of Grabill R2, and the great-grandmother, Mary (Nussbaum) Eicher of Spencerville R1, Indiana. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery, Spencerville, Indiana.

HERSHBERGER, Andrew J., 67, Holladay, Tenn.

died April 15 in a hospital in Camden, Tenn. He got the flu and that made a lot of his ailments flare up, and he was a very sick man for three weeks and was in the hospital most of that time. The cause of his death was Acute Leukemia and Internal Hemorrhage. He was born Jan. 3, 1907, in Geauga Co., Ohio, and resided in Stark Co. for 29 years prior to moving to Tennessee Dec. 2, 1972 to make his home with a daughter, the Joseph Coblentz's. His age was 76 yr., 3 mo., 12 days. He was married to the former Anna Bontrager who preceded him in death. He lived as a widower 3 yr., 3 mo., 15 days. He is survived by two daughters, Sara Coblentz of Holladay, Tenn. and Fannie Kramer of Rio Verde, Brazil; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and the following brothers and sisters, Mary Ann Burkholder of New Paris, Ind., Manass of Apple Creek, Ohio, Mrs. Rudy (Sarah) Yoder of Hartley, Del., Susie and Delilah Hershberger of Middlefield, Ohio, Jacob of Kirkwood, Pa., and John T. of Westby, Wis. Preceding him in death were his wife, two daughters, one son, five grandchildren, his parents, six brothers, two sisters, two half-sisters and one half-brother.

Funeral services were held April 17 in Stark Co., Ohio at the Walnut Grove King Church by Bishop Sam Otto and Joe W. Miller of Hadley, Pa. Burial was in the church cemetery beside his wife.

HERSHBERGER, Simon M., 80, Fredericksburg 2, O.
died April 21st. He was born to Manasses D. and Lizzie (Smucker) Hershberger in Holmesville. In 1921 he married Katie Miller who died in February of 1973. Surviving are four daughters and five sons, Mrs. Simon D. (Barbara) Miller of Navarre R3, Mrs. Elizabeth Keim of Charm, Amanda, Alvin, Emanuel and Simon, all of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Dan A. (Ella) Miller of Apple Creek R1, Andrew of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Sam of Canton; a brother, Sam of Ethridge, Tenn.; 25 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. A daughter, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held April 24 by Bishop Andrew Weaver. Burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery in Salt Creek Township.

KING, John E., 75, Narvon R1, Pa.
died Friday, April 19, at 7:30 a.m. at his home. He was under the care of a physician and was unable to work for the last six months. He was the husband of Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) King. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Jacob and Lydia (Esh) King. Surviving are his wife; eight daughters, Mattie, wife of Isaac Zook, Narvon R1; Lydia, wife of Daniel L. Stoltzfus, Mary, wife of Daniel Z. Stoltzfus, and Katie, wife of Jacob Lantz, all of Honey Brook R1; Sadie, wife of Elam Kauffman, and Naomi, wife of John Omar Stoltzfus, both of Honey Brook R2; Rebecca, wife of John U. Stoltzfus, Morgantown R1, and Lizzie, wife of Benuel Lapp, at home; 68 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Samuel E. King, Leola R1, and Jacob C. King, Narvon R1; and three sisters, Mary, wife of Isaac Zook, Christiana R1; Mrs. Lizzie Blank, New Providence R1, and Leah, wife of John P. Miller, Strasburg R1.

Funeral services were held by Dan Stoltzfus and David Blank; hymn read by Christ Stoltzfus. Pall bearers were four grandchildren, John Zook, John King, John Stoltzfus, and John Kauffman. Burial was at Mast's Cemetery.

KINSINGER, Infant Daughter, Somerset Co., Pa.
was born April 30, died the same day, lived only 1½ hours. Surviving are the parents, Samuel A. and Effie (Summy) Kinsinger, 1 sister, Mary age 3 and 1 brother, Harvey age 22 months; the paternal grandparents, Abe S. and Katie (Beiler) Kinsinger and the maternal grandparents, Eli J. and Fannie (Lee) Summy. One infant sister preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held May 1st at the Summit Mills Cemetery.

KUEPFER, Charlotte Anne, 3 mo., Milverton R1, Ont.
died April 2 at the London Hospital of Bronchial Pneumonia. She was the only child of Ammon and Laura Kuepfer. Grandparents are Katie and the late Simeon Kuepfer of Milverton R1, and Elmer and Katie Kuepfer of Newton R1.

Funeral services were held at the home, April 5, by Peter Kuepfer. Burial was in the 7th line Cemetery.

LAPP, Isaac F., 59, Ronks R1, Pa.
died Friday, April 5, at his home (see front page). Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of Mrs. Emma (Fisher) and the late Jesse Lapp, and was the husband of Salome (Stoltzfus) Lapp. Surviving besides his mother and widow are nine children, Emma, wife of Elam King, Joseph S., Jesse J. and Isaac S., all of Ronks R1, Miss Annie Lapp and John S., both at home; Rachel, wife of Amos Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; and Lydia, wife of Amos Esh, and Lizzie, wife of Moses Esh, both of Paradise R1; 27 grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters, Mary, wife of Jonas Smoker, and Jesse, both of Gordonville R1; Naomi, wife of John Beiler, and Rebecca, wife of Amos Bawell, both of Leola R1; Gideon F., Ronks R1; Elam, Quarryville R1, and Lydia, wife of John E. Fisher, Narvon R2.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9 a.m. April 9, by Pre. Stephen U. Zook and Pre. John S. Fisher; hymn read by Pre. Amos E. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by Dea. Aaron J. Glick; abschied by Bishop Christ M. Fisher; burial in Gordonville Cemetery. They had six pall bearers as he was an extra heavy man. His age was 50 yrs., 4 mo., 1 day.

MILLER, David D., 90, Geauga County, Ohio
died April 12 (see front page).

Funeral services were held at the home and at neighbors, Dan Fishers, preaching by Bishop Mahlon Yoder, Bishop Will Gingerich, Min. Harvey Byler, and Min. Urie M. Byler.

MILLER, Johnny, age 4, Conewango Valley, N. Y.
son of Joas and Mattie (Shetler) Miller took ill with pneumonia and was in the Buffalo Children's Hospital, where he died 2 weeks later with Leukemia. The child had not been sick before. His age was 4 yr., 11 mo., 17 days. Surviving are his parents, one sister and one brother. A sister preceded him in death.

OBITUARIES, Continued

MILLER, Katie, 80, LaGrange R4, Indiana

died Friday, April 5, at her home following an illness of five months. She was born in LaGrange County July 1, 1893, the daughter of Moses and Barbara (Bontrager) Lehman. She was married in LaGrange October 1, 1925, to Joseph D. Miller, who preceded her in death. Surviving are four daughters, Lydia Miller and Ida Miller, both at home; Mrs. Andrew (Barbara) Miller of LaGrange and Mrs. Lewis (Edna) Weaver of Kenton, Ohio; a son, Levi of Kenton, Ohio; a step-daughter, Mrs. Anna Miller of LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Manass Lehman of Topeka, and three sisters, Lydia Bontrager of Middlebury, and Mrs. Anna Raber and Mrs. Levi Mast, both of Topeka.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the home by Bishop Amsey Troyer. Burial was in the Mast Cemetery, southwest of LaGrange.

SCHROCK, Rebecca, 93, Arthur, Illinois

died April 15 at the age of 93 yr., 18 days. Born Aug. 18, 1880 in Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Christian D. and Sarah (Yoder) Yoder. She was married to Min. Abraham D. Schrock March 3, 1903. He died Dec. 12, 1948. They lived in matrimony 45 yr., 9 mo., 9 days. To this union were born 14 children of which 7 survive; also one brother, Andrew of Dundee, Ohio; and two sisters, Mrs. Enos Herschberger and Mrs. Sarah Weaver, both of Apple Creek, Ohio; 40 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 160 great-grandchildren; and 19 step-great-grandchildren. Seven children and nine brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held April 18, in big house by Bishop Menno S. Miller and Min. Wm. G. Miller, psalm read by Dea. Levi D. Yoder from Iowa, and in little house by Bishop Willie Mast and Abe C. Gingerich, psalm read by Dea. Lester Jess. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Mary Ann, 82, Nappanee, Indiana

died on April 20 at the home of a daughter, the Andy Helmuths. She had been in failing health all last winter and was unable to attend church. She also spent some time in the hospital because of a severe cough and difficulty in breathing which was not good for the heart. She only weighed 75 lbs. at the time of death. She was born June 27, 1891 to John M. and Elizabeth (Hershberger) Borkholder, and was married to John L. Schwartz on Feb. 13, 1913. Surviving are her husband and the following children, Levi, Joe and Menno of Etna Green; Daniel of Monroe; Milo of Nappanee; Mrs. Wm. (Malinda) Beachy of LaGrange; Mrs. David (Lydiann) Miller, Johnny, and Mrs. Andy (Lovina) Helmuth, all of Nappanee; 62 grandchildren and 88 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 23, at the Johnny Schwartz home, at Bishop Lonnie Slabaughs, and at Sunny Meadow School. Burial was at Weldy Cemetery.

STOLTZFOOS, Infant Son, New Providence R1, Pa.

son of David F. and Sadie K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfoos, died Friday, April 26, at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Jacob and Katie Stoltzfoos, Kinzers R1; maternal grandparents are Levi E. and Fannie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1.

YODER, John D., 60, LaGrange R4, Indiana

died unexpectedly Monday evening, April 15, while working in the barn on his farm. Death was apparently due to a heart attack. He was born in Ness County, Kansas, March 23, 1914, the son of Dan I. and Lizzie (Mast) Yoder. He came to LaGrange County from Kansas 35 years ago. He was married in Conway, Kansas, January 15, 1938, to Susie J. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Ora J. of LaGrange; a daughter, Mary Edna Yoder at home, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the home at 9:30 a.m. by Bishop Andrew Schrock. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

MARRIAGES

Oakland, Maryland

Graber, Nissley – Cris, son of Levi Grabers of Indiana, to Lydia, daughter of Calvin and Lena Nissley, April 23, by Bishop Milt Kinsinger of Va.

Yoder, Petersheim – Dan Lee, son of John N. Yoders, to Irene, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Petersheim, April 25, by Bishop Norman Schrock.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Byler – Eli, son of Emma (Burkholder) and the atee Andy E. Byler, Stoneboro, to Lydia, daughter of Jacob E. and Katie Byler, Jackson Center, April 4, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler, New Wilmington, Pa.

Byler, Mullet – Manas, son of Ben A. and Fannie (Burkholder) Byler, Mercer, to Celesta, daughter of William D. and Emma (Byler) Mullet, April 25, by Bishop Eli J. Troyer, Atlantic, Pa.

Geauga County, Ohio

Miller, Detweiler – Albert, son of Pre. Dan J. and Martha (Miller) Miller, to a daughter of Noah J. and Fannie (Schrock) Detweiler, April 11, by Bishop Andy C. Byler.

Yutzy, Hershberger – Noah, son of Ervin and Katie (Leslien) Yutzy, to Barbara E., daughter of John H. and Sadie (Hershberger) Hershberger, April 25, by Bishop Melvin M. Miller.

Holmes County, Ohio

Kline, Gingerich – Eddie, son of Alvin D. and Mattie (Miller) Kline, to Adah, daughter of Alvin N. and Mae (Miller) Gingerich, March 30, by Bishop Abe Hostetler.

Miller, Miller – Roy, son of Mose J. and Emma (Hostetler) Miller, to Esther, daughter of Henry N. and Mary (Yoder) Miller.

Raber, Erb – Harvey, son of Paul A. and Mary (Bowman) Raber, to Esther, daughter of Albert D. and Ella (Yoder) Erb.

These two couples were published in Abe A. Yoder district, Saturday, April 27.

Centreville, Michigan

Bontrager, Yoder – Pete, son of Levi J. Bontrager of Centreville, to Alma Fern, daughter of John Yoder of Colon, Michigan, April 4, by Bishop William J. Bontrager.

Allen County, Indiana

Troyer, Steury – Widower Samuel M. Troyer of Snyder Co., Pa., to Widow Esther (Delagrange) of Allen Co., Ind., March 10, by Bishop Joe Delegrange.

Adams County, Indiana

Christner, Schwartz – Cletus, son of Cletus Christners, Berne R2, to Emma A., daughter of Joe R. Schwartzs, Monroe R1, April 12.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Schwartz, Hershberger – Aaron, son of Peter Schwartzes of Saymour, Missouri, to Mattie, daughter of Ben and Lizzie (Miller) Hershberger, April 4, by Bishop David J. Bontrager.

Yoder, Bontrager – Mervin, son of Monroe W. and Clara (Helmuth) Yoder, to Ruby Lorene, daughter of Manas Jr. and Mary (Miller) Bontrager, April 18, by Bishop John Helmuth of Nappanee, uncle of the groom.

Wickey, Smucker – Joe Wickey of Adams Co., Ind., to Ida Mae, daughter of Simon and Katie (Bontrager) Smucker, April 18.

Miller, Petersheim – Samuel, son of Nathaniel and Lizzie (Whetstone) Miller, to LeAnna, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Schrock) Petersheim, April 25.

Bontrager, Yoder – Melvin, son of John and Mattie (Miller) Bontrager, to Carolyn, daughter of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder in April.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Schrock, Kauffman – Marvin, son of Tobe and Edna (Schrock) Schrock, LaGrange, to Ruby, daughter of David and Emma (Schlabach) Kauffman, Middlebury R1, April 11.

Hochstetler, Troyer – Paul Devon, son of Omer and Wilma Hochstetler, Nappanee, to Kathryn, daughter of Stlee and Ella (Riegsecker) Troyer, Goshen R1, April 18.

Miller, Riegsecker – Ray, son of David and the late Fannie (Ropp) Miller, Riverside, Iowa, to Mary, daughter of Harold and Ida (Schrock) Riegsecker, Middlebury R1, April 25.

Nappanee, Indiana

Schmucker, Hochstetler – Harley, son of Melvin and Mattie (Frey) Schmucker, to Linda, daughter of Andy and Sovilla (Schmucker) Hochstetler, April 25, by Bishop Henry J. S. Yoder.

Schmucker, Stutzman – Owen, son of Mary and the late Eli Schmucker, to Norma, daughter of Harve and Inez (Yoder) Stutzman, May 1.

Miller, Hochstetler – Marlin, son of Floyd and Sara (Yoder) Miller of Goshen, to Sherry Ann, daughter of Andy and Sovilla (Schmucker) Hochstetler, May 2, by Bishop Henry J. S. Yoder.

Reno County, Kansas

Petersheim, Bontrager – Erwin T., son of Tobie E. and Ida (Knepp) Petersheim, to Alma, daughter of Rudy M. and Lizzie (Frey) Bontrager, April 18, by Bishop David E. Schrock.

Jamesport, Missouri

Bontrager, Kauffman – Olen, son of Joe and Ella (Schrock) Bontrager, to Elisabeth, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Yutzy) Kauffman, April 4, by Bishop John N. Kramer.

Troyer, Hostetler – Roy, son of Alvin Troyers of Holmes County, Ohio, to Susan, daughter of Henry and Katie (Kurtz) Hostetler, April 25, by Bishop John N.. Kramer.

Grey County, Ontario

Yoder, Swartzentruber – Roman S., son of Dan M. and Elizabeth Yoder, to Lydia, daughter of Samuel L. and Fannie Swartzentruber, Chesley R4, April 4, by Bishop Eli N. Stutzman, Ethridge R2, Tenn.

MIGRATIONS

Andy A. Miller Jr. (Mary Yoder) moved from Dover, Delaware to Milton, Iowa, April 4.

Roman Schrocks moved from Cashton, Wisconsin to Bronson, Michigan, May 3.

Adam Schrocks moved from Cashton, Wisconsin to Bronson, Michigan.

Joe Borntragers moved from Wilton, Wisconsin to Cashton, Wisconsin, April 25.

Walter Yoders moved from St. Mary's Ontario to Tavistock, Ontario, March 29.

Willis Millers moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin to Milroy, Indiana, March 27.

Roman Millers moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin to Milroy, Indiana, April 8.

Mose Millers moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin to Milroy, Indiana, April 8.

Community Note – Cashton, Wisconsin

Perry, 14, son of William Schmuckers had a mishap with the disc, aprained his ankle quite badly and had to go on crutches a few days.

Community Note – New Glarus, Wisconsin

Melvin, son of Menno Yoders, has Rheumatic Fever and can't finish school, but does his school work at home.

Migrations – Lucknow, Ontario

Levi A. Millers, March 28; Albert L. Millers, Apr. 2; Eli D. Gingerichs, April 4; John D. Shetlers, Apr. 30, all from Norwich, Ont., making a total of eleven families for here.

REPORTERS! Please write on only one side of paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Writing on reverse side might be lost or overlooked. Write your name and locality with the crop and weather report and your locality with each subject. Thank you. S.E.F.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

The first half of the month was wet and cool; total rainfall for April was 2.6 in.; the last half was rather dry, much wind and several hard frosts; low temperature was 29 degrees on the 11th and again on the 20th; high was 92 on the 30th. Corn planting has begun. Rye and early barley is heading out. Oats look better than they have for several years. A few farmers have planted speltz which looks good. Alfalfa is knee-high, but garden things are behind due to the cool weather. Feed prices have started to decline, with the price of ear corn at 2.50 @ bu. Eggs, milk, beef, and pork also have dropped some. Fruit crops look promising, with not much frost damage.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The first week of April was very unsettled with tornado warnings and frequent rain squalls, perhaps amounting to 1½ in. rainfall. Over Easter we had some good weather; frost on the 20th. The last week and a half was dry and dusty except for one light rain on the 23rd which freshened things up, but is dry again and very warm, feels like July with temperature around 90 degrees. Lots of corn planted already. Barley is in heads. Woods are nice and green trimmed with dogwoods.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 4.2 inches.

Market Report: Fat Steers, $37 to $44 Cwt.; Feeder Steers, $40 to $55 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $30 to $35 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, $.65 per lb.; Veal, $50 to $85 Cwt.; Spring Lambs, $49 to $58 Cwt.; Eggs, large, $.50 doz.; Heavy Fowl, 12¢ to 30¢ per lb.; Roasters, 40¢ lb.; Turkey, 47¢ lb.; Dairy Cows at New Holland, $575 to $1060; Milk, around $9.75 Cwt.; Potatoes, $13 to $15 Cwt.; Ear Corn, $77 to $88 Ton, 2.85 bu.; Wheat, 4.35 bu.; Barley, 2.30 bu.; Oats, 1.80 bu.; Hay, $34 to $89 Ton; Straw, $45 to $57 Ton.

by Elam S. Beiler

Most of the plowing is done; farmers are working land and planting corn which is earlier than usual in this area. Some corn was planted as early as the 18th of April. Rye is being mowed for hay or silage as it is going into heads. Wheat fields are about knee-high and look better than last month. Cows were turned out into pasture latter part of month. Apple trees are blooming. Fresh cut aspargus is on the menu and the first head of lettuce. Alfalfa and other grasses are over a foot high and did not freeze out very much.

by Ammon F. Fisher

April had a total of 5½ inches rainfall. First two weeks were mostly wet and cool. Last half was very nice farming weather. Easter Sunday evening we had tornado warnings, rain, hail, and thunder showers. Last two days in April were very warm.

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens Nissley

Weather for April was fair, except for a few wet snows in forepart. We had a heavy thunder shower in evening of the 14th, with strong wind. They had a small tornado about 40 miles south of here. After this rain things greened up fast. Apples and pears are just starting to bloom. Farmers are busy preparing soil and sowing oats. A few are talking of planting corn. The last week was real warm, but is cooled off again.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

The first half of April was rainy with very little field work being done, then the latter part practically no rain which gave the farmers a chance to catch up again with field work. Most of the plowing is done, and also some corn planted. It is beginning to get a little dry already with the warm winds we had the last week. Total rainfall for the month was 3.3 in. Some of the Mennonite neighbors went to different places to help rebuild homes where the April 3 tornadoes had wrecked.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

The weather for this month was springlike with not much rain and quite a few windy days. Ground is almost too dry for plowing. Oats was put in in good time, and corn planting started early. Some corn was planted the last week in April. We had frost a few mornings in the middle of the month, very warm the last few days, cooler again this morning; no rain.

Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

The weather during April was mild, had a lot of warm mild days, and also some high winds, a lot of storms over the country. Average rainfall was low for the month. There is still some plowing to do. It was getting rather dry the latter part of the month. Some fields that were rather wet early in the year are now dryed out and are rather difficult to plow. Most potatoes are planted, and some corn.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather was mostly fair and cool, a total of 3½ inches rainfall during April, which was .75 of an inch above normal, total for the year so far was 13½ inches. We've had some frosty mornings, also some real warm days, in the 90's. Fruit trees started blooming the 20th, and were not frozen since. Farming is well under way and some oats were sown in April this year. Prices for farm products are declining some, while supplies a farmer must have are going higher.

Snyder Co. (Winfield) Pa., by Mrs. David L. Yoder

We had 12 days of rain in April, some days just a shower, three days we had thunder showers, two days of snow flurries, the rest were like spring. Gardens are made and early things planted. Oats is mostly finished. Work among men is carpentering and plowing sod. Eggs are plentiful and prices are coming down.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

April was somewhat cool in the forepart, but very nice toward the end. Fruit is blooming, trees are loaded so far. The coldest for the month was 24 on the 10th and the 20th. There was about 3¼ in. rain. Garden peas, lettuce, radishes, carrots, etc. are up, sweet corn planted. Those who moved to Norfolk, New York are Pete T. Schwartz on April 10th, Moses T. Schwartz on the 10th, Jacob F. Schwartz on the 23rd, and Amos Eichers on the 26th.

Snyder County, McClure, Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

The beginning of April was cold, windy, rainy, and some snow flurries. Sunny and warm the 11th and 12th, cloudy and rainy from the 13th to the 15th. The rest of the month was mostly sunny and warm. Ground is on the dry side. Oats is coming up nice. Some corn is planted. Children were in school without shoes for the first on April 29. The barn raising on Eli J. Yoder's farm where Abie M. Speichers live was largely attended, over 200 men and women from Big Valley, Centre County, and Winfield. By evening the barn was under roof.

Clinton, County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

April was a warm month, a lot of days temperatures were in the sixties. Not very many April showers, it is dry. A rain the last of April freshened things up. On the eighth and ninth we had three in. of snow. Trees are turning green, gardens started. Men are about ready to plant corn.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had real changeable weather in March. The first two days were cold with snow, then it was nice and warm for several days. We had thunder showers on the 8th and 9th. A lot of plowing was done during the month. On the 30th we had about 4 inches of heavy, wet snow; some wires were down.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine M. Swarey

The first week of April was cool and cloudy with some rain. On the eighth and ninth we had some snow. It got warmer after Easter, with some frost 15, 16, and 25. Lowest temperature 28, highest in low nineties. 2.2 inches of rainfall. The last three days it has warmed up considerably. Children are going barefoot, cows are in pasture. Oats has mostly been sowed, some corn planted. Egg prices are coming down, feed prices are still up.

Oakland, Md., by Atlee J. Hershberger

Our last snow for April was the 25th, but it has been very springlike since with real warm days. Lots of oats went into the ground. Sarvis trees are blooming.

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather was exceptionally nice for April with three cloudy days and nine days with rain or snow. The last week was extra nice, and most people have their oats sowed. Rain would be welcome for a change. Farmers that aren't done plowing are finishing that, besides hauling stones off the fields, fixing fence, etc. Women folks are cleaning house and making early gardens. The song birds are making their appearance, which makes a pleasant awakening in the mornings.

New Wilmington, Pa., by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

April was wet part of the time, then several nice warm days. Leaves are coming out fast, and pastures are greening. The late afternoon of Easter we had a heavy rain and terrific winds, believed to be small tornadoes here and there, toppling nine silos several roofs, and small buildings. Fruit trees appear more promising than they have for several years. Seed oats is $2.95 and up, alfalfa seed $75; clover $36. Egg prices are dropping since Easter, 40¢ to 45¢ a doz. The last day of April was warm enough to go barefoot, which is unusual for several years. Some people have tomatoes set out.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan, J. Troyer

April had all kinds of weather. The first three days we had thunder showers, then some drizzly days. The eighth it started to snow and snowed nearly all day. By the next morning we had six in. snowed and blew all day. Hardly any oats was sowed till the 26th. Peaches are blooming this year.

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

The first part of April was rather wet and unsettled. On the eighth and ninth we had around nine inches snow. On the 14th we drove home from church through a severe thunderstorm with hail for about five minutes. It dried off the latter part of the month. They say it is drier than it has been for years, for early spring. The women have their gardens planted and farmers are mostly finished plowing (the ones that plow with horses) and a few have sowed oats, although it is plenty early for this area. Colds and flu are still around. Children are begging to go barefoot.

Crawford Co. (Guys Mills), Pa., by Melvin D. Byler

We had about six inches of snow around the 9th of April, but only lasted a few days. We also had quite a bit of rain throughout the month, with a few high wind storms, but no damage was done in our area. Quite a few oats are planted, but still some to plant. Grass and pastures are coming, but still no cows are in pastures. Leaves are starting to open on some trees. Hay seems to be plentiful thru our area, about an average of 60¢ a bale for nice clover hay; also lots of ear corn, but oats are scarce and sky-high, around 6.75 per 100 lb. Soybean meal is down to 8.60 which is only about half the price it was last fall.

Conewango Valley, N. Y., by Mrs. Menno E, Miller

The forepart of April was stormy with tornado like winds on the evening of the 14th. There was some damage to a few barn roofs, taking roof, rafters and all, breaking windows, etc. We also had some pleasant weather. Much plowing has been done. A few have sowed oats. We had a few inches of snow.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The first part of April was warm with rain, then fourth it got windy and snowed on the fifth. More snow and cold until the 10th, then it was real nice. On the 14th we had a hard rain and wind storm which did some roof damage and flattened one building north of here. The rest of the month was about as usual with several light frosts.

Hartville, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

The month of April was a very nice month with below average rainfall. We had some rain, but not like some other springs. We also had some snow, but not very much at a time. On Sunday, the 14th, we had some rain with a lot of wind. In the southern part of Ohio a lot of damage was done, also some people killed. Most of the oats is sowed and some gardens planted. There seems to be a lot of building going again, but some of the banks are slow on granting loans on big projects. There are quite a few men laid off in the rubber shops.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

The month of April was cool with a lot of wind and rain. Very little oats is sowed yet, also not much garden planted. We had a thunderstorm on the 14th that took a roof at places and blew down trees.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H, Yoder

The first part of April there was hard thunder with flooding at some places. A few good blankets of snow, did not last long. Lots of windy days and storm. On April 10 ahard frost, also on the 25th. Temperature ranged from 20 to in the 70's. A few have planted corn, while sod plowing is not finished yet. The last two days we had a good soaking rain, which is good for the newly planted things, also for new strawberry plants. Strawberries are blooming. Not very many mushrooms have been found so far.

Southeastern Holmes County, by John L. Yoder

In April we had a variety of weather, a few cold snaps. The first half we had quite a bit of moisture, including one rainstorm that filled most creeks. The last half was more dry, with a nice shower the last day of April. Oats is about all sowed, very little corn planted, some plowing to do.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

April has been a pleasant month with a few chilly days. Very little rain the last two weeks, so it is getting dry. April 14 we had some rain and storm. Farmers have sown their oats, and are just on the edge of planting corn. Grass has made a good growth. Cattle will be turned out in the next few days.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

We had about normal weather in April, a low of 22 on the 10th, and a high of 80, had several good rains, last of month was a little dry. Practically all the oats is sowed, and a little corn planted. Cattle and hog prices are off.

Orwell , Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

Weather was average for March .It rained quite a bit, but most of the oats are sown, and are plowing for corn. We didn't have snow like we sometimes do in March. Quite a bit of wind this month, so it dried off fast from the rains.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

The month of March was quite warm and springlike the first few weeks. Then on the 23rd it turned colder and we had 6 to 8 inches of snow. By the next morning it was 10 above, stayed cold all day, and on the 25th it was zero. It soon warmed up again and stayed springlike the rest of March. I guess the peach crop was frozen out again. This is the third year now that they froze out. Corn prices have come down a little, but grocery prices are still up. April has been a springlike month with a few rains the first part of the month. Now it is getting a little dry. Mushrooms are being found, seems to be a good crop, but will soon end unless we get rain. Most of the oats are in, men are plowing for corn. Some early gardens are up. Rhubarb is ready to eat. Grocery prices are still going up. Salad dressing $1.05 a qt., 10 lb. sugar $2.25, white crackers 50¢ a box.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The weather for April was colder than usual and very little vegetation growth until the last three days, when we had some nice warm showers with temperature in the 80's. With the extremely high price of seeds, fertilizer, repairs, and equipment, we stand a very good chance of an unprofitable harvest. Grain and meat prices declining, who knows, maybe we are due for a year like the thirties. Oats are all sowed in this area and some corn is planted. Three more farms were bought by Amish from other areas, intending to move in May.

Camden, Mich., by Levi R. Graber

We had rain the first three days, snow on the seventh, rain again on the 12th and 14th with high winds. We had a tornado in our county of Hillsdale on the third. The path of the tornado was about eight miles northwest of us, hitting hardest around the cities of Hillsdale and North Adannas, with a death toll of three. First oats was sown on the 16th. The soil worked up very nice this year. Oats all sowed by the 27th, more rain the next two days. We had a low temperature of 20 on April 9. Some farmers planted corn the week of the 21st.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

April was probably a little colder than normal for this area. Grass is slow this spring as wr also didn't have as much rain as usual. Not very much oats planted yet but farmers are working in the ground. Seed is high-priced this spring, corn, $20 to $35 a bu.; Oats, up to 3.75 a bu.; Alfalfa seed, from $70 to $110 a bu.; compared to $35 to $70 a year ago.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

April had varied types of weather, with the low of 21 degrees on the 9th and a high of 82 on the 27th and an inch of snow on the 8th and several tornadoes on the 3rd. The last Friday of the month was what one could call an almost perfect day.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

April weather was normal Normally one thinks of the month of April as a month of showers, and these we had, but there were also plenty of sunny days, 13 to be exact, which is more than normal for the month of April. On the 3rd we had an unforgetable day, a very stormy day, with thunderstorms all day, one after another. At 8:30 p.m. a tornado went through west of Monroe and part of Decatur, leaving a lot of people homeless. Heavy loss and damage ran into thousands of dollars. There were over 60 tornados in Indiana. A lot of people opened their hearts and have been helping clean up. Rainfall during the month, including melted snow, totaled 3.30 inches. Nearly three-fourths of this precipitation came in on the first eight days of the month, giving us a dry spell from the 8th through the 28th. Nearly all the oats has been sowed and some corn planted. The figures for the month are: High, 82 on the 27th; Low, 21 on the 9th; Rainfall, 3.3 inches; Snow, 3.2 inches; 13 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy, 6 rainy days, and 2 thunderstorms occurred.

Elkhart County, Ind., by Sam K. Stoltzfus

The first week we had lots of April showers and cool weather. Plowing for oats was done between showers. Second week was cool and dry, the 13th springlike, some gardens planted. The 14th rain and very windy. The third week some showers and very warm during the day and lots of wind. The end of April was warm, 82 on the 28th, and rain during the night.

LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash

We have had quite a bit of wind during April. On April 3 we had hard rains and stormy skies, also a lot of wind. A tornado hit about 10 miles south and east. A lot of damage, but no deaths among Amish. We have springlike weather, warm and sunny at times. Presently we are having rains and cloudy weather. We had light frost around the 17th and 18th. Fruit trees are blooming, alfalfa is growing, some tulips are out. Early garden things are peeking through. Most of the oats is sowed. Seems everyone is quite busy.

Marshall County, Ind., by Mrs. Alvin Burkholder

The biggest news for this locality for April was the tornado of April 3. Nappanee was spared this time, but we had lots of wind and rain, also debris which the twister clouds dropped while passing overhead. Some papers, canceled checks, etc. were from as far as 90 miles away. Our hearts went out to the less fortunate, who were hit. That same evening after the storm clouds passed, the most beautiful double rainbow appeared that we remember seeing! The month was mostly cool and wet. Early garden things are coming through. Most of the oats is sown, and some fields look green already. Last but not least, dandelion flowers are very healthy, too!

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of April brought our spring season in just a little late this year. Although we had only 3.3 inches of rain for the month, it seemed like the ground stayed wet and soggy, so most of the oats wasn't sowed till in the last week. We had 11 days of all sunshine and also 11 partly cloudy days and the rest were overcast and mostly damp and misty. Some farmers have quite a bit to plow yet, while others didn't have very much to begin with. About averyone has some garden made but there is still a lot to do. The warmest day was Saturday, the 27th, when the temperature went up to 81, and on the morning of the 9th it was down to 20 degrees. Wheat looks real good this spring, and also the hay and pasture. Fruit seems to be in good shape yet so far in this part of the state.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

April brought us 6½ inches of rain, with most of it the first and middle of the month. On the 3rd we had 3 inches with some strong winds. Tornados were quite numerous around us with the closest about 15 miles. A lot of ground is plowed and some farmers have started to plant corn. Oats are all sowed, and wheat looks nice. High temperature for the month was 81 degrees on the 28th and 29th, low was 25 on the 9th. We had 15 beautiful days for the month, had eight beautiful days in a row, from the 13th up to and including the 20th.

Kokomo, Ind., by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

The first half of April was on the wet side, with a little snow on the 8th and scattered tornadoes in the community on the third. Some have been going to help clean up. Coldest was 25 on the ninth. By mid-April lots of ground was being worked up and early gardens planted. The rest of the month was mild with some nice warm days. Some corn planted before the nice showers on the 29th and 30th.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

April 1st and 2nd were real springlike. On the 3rd about 4 p.m. we had a heavy rain and strong winds, also some hail for about a half hour, so that water was again standing in the fields. Next morning we found out of the tornado. Decatur, along U.S. 36, 3 miles north and about 25 miles west of us had heavy damage. One set of buildings 3 miles north of us was completely wrecked. In all we had about 5 inches of rain. Oats sowing is all done, a few that were sown in muck look nice. Wheat has recovered from the March freeze and has a very nice color. Grass fields look very nice and lawns have been mowed several times. Dandalions are blooming nicely.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

We had a lot of nice weather through April, was cooler than usual, with frost as late as the 23rd. (April 19th is considered frost free date for these parts.) Corn is mostly planted, with some of it up nicely. Wheat is heading out, but doesn't look quite so promising, due to our late frosts. Soybeans dropped around $1.00 a bu.; Corn is still around 2.90; Hogs, $31.00.

Benton County, Tenn., by Mrs. Joseph J. Coblentz

April was mostly very fair, not too much rain but still a nice amount. Lots of field work was done, garden planting, and crops put out, but not all of them yet. Also a lot cleaning up done from the ice storm wehad in January. On April 1 we had a severe hail storm here in our area, which did some damage to shrubs and other bushes, but most of them got new leaves again. Lots of tornados throughout the state, some doing a lot of damage in the towns and cities that were hit. In this immediate area we did not get any of it except of the wind and rain.

Reno County, Kansas, by E. E. Schrock

We've had cool weather in April with some nice showers, and 4 to 6 inches rain on April 19. Most gardens are planted. Patches are being plowed to sow sudan grass for pasture.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

The April weather pattern has been cooler than normal. We are having plenty of moisture. April 20th we had 1.4 inches of rain; the 28th it started raining and rained a total of 2.8 inches. Corn planting was started in forepart of April and continued off and on through April between showers and when the proper types of fertilizer were available. Most of cattle were put on pasture from 15th to 20th of April. Wheat and grasses are growing lush. Gardens are looking very nice.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

April has brought us very little moisture. We had many days of strong wind, a few thunder storms with light showers here. On April 13 a tornado passed through Cherry Box, 15 miles north of here, completely demolishing a few buildings and damaging quite a few others. No injuries reported but a few hogs killed. Otherwise having real sunny spring weather. We got about 1½ in. rain over the 29th which was the most we got at one time. Oats was all sown by the first week in April. Corn planting started the 16th, a few having finished already.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The rainfall for April was below normal, the first rain that soaked the ground fell on the 29th, up to then it was getting dry. Some oats are coming good and other fields look thin and spotty, due to lack of moisture to bring it up. Early gardens are coming good. Our last frost came on the 24th. Tractor farmers have planted a lot of corn, but not much among our people yet. Hog prices have dropped below $30 at the local buying stations. Our top milk price was 6.95 for 4% test, for a seven week period, now has declined 35¢. Baler twine is priced up to $40 a bale (4 times the price from year before). What will the story be on binder twine? Barb wire is very hard to get. Very little fertilizer available any more in spite of high prices. Our six schools closed for the season in the week of April 29th.

Pike County, Mo., by George Yoder

April was a wet month, but dried enough a few times that the people got their oats sowed. Grass seems to be about two weeks earlier than usual. Hay and wheat look extra good at present. Tree leaves are nearly all out. Lots of Plowing to do yet as people are getting a late start. There will likely be some fruit except peaches might be scarce.

Seymour, Mo., by Mrs. Paul Wagler

We have had various kinds of weather in April. We had plenty of rain and cool weather, then there were some warm, sunny days, too. Our temperature ranged from 34 to 80. Fields and lawns are lush and green. There is a lot of dairying and raising beef cattle in this part of Missouri. Our main crop is hay, which is usually a good crop. There are nine families living here, all having a Seymour address except us; ours is Fordland.

Jamesport, Mo., by Amos W. Yoder

Grass is rather slow this spring from lack of moisture. We had hardly any rain the first half of April, but about 2½ in. the last half. A lot of corn is planted already. The alfalfa weevil is busy at work again this spring.

Marshfield, Mo., by David A. Kinsinger

Weather was just a bit cool for this area. We had several good rains, but it was dry compared to last year. Pastures are in good shape. Barley has headed and wheat is starting to head. Peas are blooming. Some corn has been planted, but a good bit to plant yet. Hogs and cattle are still going down. Corn has been down, but is going up a bit again. Sure seems different in cow market from last year when you could hardly buy good beef cattle. This year they are advertised almost everywhere, at reasonable prices.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

Very few April showers here. Total rainfall for the month was about 2 in., of which most fell in the first part of the month. Plowing is mostly done. Early oats are nice and green, later oats are up. Most gardens are planted. Some corn is planted, but most people are waiting for rain. Grain market unsteady. Beans down to $5.25, corn $2.20, oats up to $2.10, milk dropped to $6.85.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The first two weeks of April were cool and damp with only a few nice days. A heavy rain with thunder and lightning the nigh tof the 14th. The latter part of April was more springlike with sunshine. We had a hard frost April 24. It was nice to do field work. Oats is sown and coming nice. Most plowing is done, and farmers are getting corn ground ready to plant.

Blair, Wis., by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Weather in April was changeable, with snow and rain, warm sunny days, and frosty mornings. The end of the month was extra warm and like summer. Farmers are busy sowing oats. Gardens are being planted.

Vernon County, Wis., by Amos U. Gingerich

We had cool and snow the first part of April, a snowstorm on Easter Day. The rest of the month was nice. People are working in fields; some have sown oats. Women are planting gardens and raking.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

April was a dry month on the average, had 5 in. of snow on the 14th, had frosts or freezing seven times. The coldest for the month was 12 above zero. Grass is greening up but most of the cows are still on dry feed. Most of the oats are sowed and seeding done. Markets are still down but holding steady. Prime Calves, $60 to $68, culls, $25 to $42; Cows, $30 to $35; Beef Steers and Heifers, 37.50 to $40; Butcher Hog Market, 30.50 to 31.25. Feed came down a little, some as much as 50¢ per 100. Milk is steady at 8.12 for 3.5 test.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

The weather in April in our area was very springlike. Temperatures in forepart of month were around freezing. On Easter morning it started to rain, but soon turned to snow, by noon the ground was covered. But with the sun shining so nice it was gone in a few days. On the 21st we had warm and it was unusually windy, by evening it turned cooler and rained the next day. (We later heard a tornado passed through about 40 miles southeast of us.) It warmed up again and was 70 and above during the day. Lots of oats were sown and early gardens made. On the 30th it cooled off again. A good rain would be welcome.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

In April we had quite a bit of rain, and chilly weather. Quite a bit of field work and gardening were done in April. Some oats is up, which is earlier than usual. Some seeds and twine are hard to get. Garden seed orders are way late. Gurney Seed Co. wrote they had 400,000 more people ordering this year.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock

April had a lot of nice days. We had a nice rain the 11th, also the 20th and 21st. No oats were sowed the first half of month, but the last half lots of work was done in fields, but there are still some oats to sow. Grass is greening up nicely.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

April had some very cool weather with frosts and also some very warm weather which is bringing the grass faster than some years. Some oats is sowed but field work has been slowed up by rainy weather; just enough rain to stop it. We escaped the severe cold snaps this spring which froze so many blossoms and buds in parts of the United States. Dairy cows and pigs are much cheaper.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

The first part of March was very mild and some plowing was done but it turned colder towards the end of the month.

April was also quite mild with a colder spell around the 18th. The ground froze through the night then it warmed up through the day, making ideal sap weather. There was quite a good run through here. John Shetlers' cooked over a hundred gallons of maple syrup. The price around here was $12 per gal. Field work was started around the 22nd but with heavy rains on the 28th and 29th no seeding has been done.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Keupfer

It was a nice April. Every once in a while we had a shower of rain. The men are starting to seed.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

April had changeable weather, warm, rainy, snowy, and cooler from one day to another.

Sam Yoders moved in from Pennsylvania on April 3rd. Isaac Fehrs do not live in this district anymore.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

The weather, as a whole, through April was very changeable. We had quite a few rainy days with thunder. This, along with the warm sunny days, really brightened up the pastures, etc. Farmers were not in the fields much before the week of the 22nd. Some have oats sowed, but not many. Rainy weather is holding field work up at the end of the month again. Early garden things are planted, but not up yet. Green buds are appearing on the trees, and flowers are awakening once more.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

April was mild at the beginning. Good Friday we had a light drizzly rain with temperature at 52 degrees; Saturday was nice and sunny, temperature at 50; Sunday was still warm with 50 degrees in the a.m. It turned to rain about noon and by 2 p.m. we had a heavy rain and hail storm with thunder and lightning. April 21 temperature was up to 72 again; 22nd, showers; 23rd, cold rain all day, then turned warm again with more 70 degree, and over, temperature. April 29th, rain in a.m., ½ inch; April 30th, sunny.

Mt. Elgin, Ont., by Mrs. Wm. D. Kramer

Weather for April has been mostly cool, coldest in the twenties. Lots of wind storms, hail, and thunder. There was some damage near London on Easter when a tornado struck. Some oats is being sown and gardens planted. We had a mail strike here but today we can send mail again.

St. Mary's, Ont., by Amanda Yoder

We had a thunder storm with heavy rain on April 1, then a few mild, sunny days. Flocks of robins are back. April 10 seemed more springlike, heard the frogs for the first time this spring. It was cool most of the month. A few early garden things were put out the last of April. Not much field work done yet.

AMISH FAMILY NAMES IN EUROPE

Joseph Stoll

Does FLUBACHER sound like an Amish name to you? Or ENGEL? Well, both these names were at one time found in the Amish church. So also were HABLÜTZELL, KENNEL, OBERLI, ULI, WIDTERKEHR, ZINGT and ZUTTER. All these, and many more that seem strange to us today, were quite common in European Amish congregations several hundred years ago.

As we study the history of our forefathers in the faith, it is of special interest to read about those who were also our forefathers in the flesh – our great– and great-great-grandparents. I think it is only natural that we should be interested in learning more about our ancestors. It is quite a thrill to discover some long-forgotten fact about our family tree.

And so, as we search through the source materials on the Amish in Europe, we keep our eyes wide open for both well-known and unknown family names. And then we wonder, how did it happen that some families are well represented in our Amish churches today, while others have long since disappeared from the scene? Did some families die out because there were no sons to carry on the name? Did other families leave the faith and transfer to other denominations, or simply fade into the world? Or were some family names lost to the church simply because no member had the courage or foresight to immigrate to America?

Not all these questions can be answered with any satisfaction, but perhaps some of them can be dealt with in part. But before we begin, let's take a look at the European Amish community of the late 1700's and early 1800's

The Amish in Europe

Today all the Amish in the world live in the Americas. Most of them can trace their ancestry back to Switzerland, the mountainous birthplace of the Anabaptists. But strangely enough, two hundred years ago very few Amish lived in either Switzerland or America.

Due to persecution, nearly all the Amish and Mennonites had fled Switzerland before 1750. But only a trickle of immigrants had yet reached America. Where, then, were they living? In other words, when we talk of the Amish in Europe, of what region are we talking?

If you have a good atlas, look for the area called ALSACE – today a part of France but squeezed against Germany and touching the north side of Switzerland. This region, Alsace, was once the heart of the Amish world. Here, and in the surrounding regions of Lorraine, the Palatinate, Waldeck-Hesse, Neuchatel, and Montbeliard, lived the majority of the Amish in Europe.

How many were there? And how many congregations?

There are several things about life in Europe that make these questions difficult to answer. First of all, the Amish were seldom allowed to be owners of the land, and had to rent or sharecrop wherever they could. This caused them to be widely scattered, with the diamater of a congregation sometimes being fifty or sixty miles. In addition, conditions were often unsettled so that families moved more often than we are accustomed to today. These factors make it difficult to mark the exact boundaries of Amish congregations, or to know just how many churches there were.

However, there is one document that does give us a fairly accurate overall picture of the Amish in Europe at one certain period, the year 1779. It was in that year that the elders and ministers of at least 22 Amish congregations gathered at Essingen in the Palatinate to counsel about certain problems the churches were faced with. These problems included the use of tobacco, the young men shaving off their beards, the wearing of silk and fancy clothing, and others like them. The assembled ministers reached an agreement, and drew up an ORDNUNGSBRIEF, and then each one signed it, along with the name of his home church.

This list of signatures shows there were apparently 22 well-organized Amish churches spread throughout Alsace and neighboring regions. The names of the 48 ministers give us a partial list of Amish surnames found in Europe at that date.

The Montbeliard GEMEINDEBUCH

A second very important document about the Amish in Europe is the church record book, or GEMEINDEBUCH, of the congregation at Montbeliard, an area joining southern Alsace on the west.

In 1750, or shortly thereafter, a young Amish minister, Hans Rich, began keeping a record af all baptisms, marriages, deaths and ordinations of his home community. After his death other ministers took up the task of recording the information, thus giving us a continuous–and very valuable record of the Amish in that part of Europe.

The GEMEINDEBUCH of Montbeliard is first of all a record of the home church, but it is considerably more than that. When the ministers from Montbeliard traveled through other districts baptizing, marrying, or helping with ordinations, they often entered an account of their work when they returned home. Likewise, when a marriage partner came from a neighboring district, or some young person married elsewhere, this served to enlarge the scope of the GEMEINDEBUCH records. Thus, in addition to covering the Montbeliard area completely and in detail, the records are a partial report of church life for a much greater surrounding area,–southern Alsace, Basel, Neuchatel, and beyond.

The GEMEINDEBUCH begins with the year 1750 and continues until fairly recent times. Most Amish immigrants coming to America left Europe before 1850, so for the purpose of our study, we will include only the one-hundred-year period of 1750 to 1850. During this period alone, the GEMEINDEBUCH mentions well over a hundred different surnames among the Amish, and lists the birth, baptism, marriage, ordination or death of several thousand people. In addition, there are often short biographical notes that add much interest to what might otherwise be bare facts and dates.

How many of the family names found in the GEMEINDEBUCH, or among the ministers' signatures in 1779, are still present among the Amish today? Many surnames have survived the move to America, and the intervening years, but many have been lost, too.

According to a recent study (See FAMILY LIFE, Feb., 1974, page 17), there are today 129 Amish surnames. But of these, 43 family names entered the church in America, leaving only 86 that came over from Europe and survived to the present day.

By comparison, the GEMEINDEBUCH alone contains 115 different names during the 100-year period, 1750–1850. The 1779 ministers' list contains an additional 14 names not included in the Montbeliard records. This makes a total of 129, or exactly the same number as found in America today. But we must remember that the two documents of our study do not contain a full list of European Amish surnames in Europe during this period, of which, as mentioned above, only 86 are found in the Amish church today. This surely represents a big loss.

It is interesting to note that of the dozen most numerous and prominent families in Montbeliard, only half are still found in the Amish church today. These twelve families, listed in the order of importance (number of times mentioned in the GEMEINDEBUCH), are: 1. Graber, 2. Roth, 3. Rich, 4. Eicher, 5. Hochstetler, 6. Stoll, 7. Gäumann, 8. Krähenbüll, 9. Lugbühl, 10. Schad, 11. Lichti, and 12. Jodter.

An Alphabetical List

The following list contains the Amish family names found in the two documents, the GEMEINDEBUCH of Montbeliard, and the ministers list of the 1779 meeting. As we study this list, we must keep in mind that it is not a complete survey of Amish surnames in Europe. The majority of the names were taken from the GEMEINDEBUCH, thus making it a somewhat local study of one area. Nevertheless, the list partially covers the entire Amish community of Europe of several centuries ago, and is complete enough to give us some understanding of the growth and decline of families.

1) **ALBRECHT** – Two ministers of this name attended the 1779 meeting. They were Christian Albrecht of the "Lemberger Gemein" and Hans Albrecht of the "Dubnower Gemein."

2) **ALLIMAN** –

3) **AMSTUTZ** – Immigrants of this name settled in Putnam Co., Ohio, in Fulton Co., Ohio, and in parts of Indiana. But in the latter half of the 1800's, these former Amish settlements became Amish-Mennonite, and today are Mennonite. In this manner the Amstutz name, (and many other family names), were lost to the Amish.

4) **AUGSBERGER** –

5) **BÄCHER** – This surname reached the Daviess County, Indiana settlement through Joseph Bacher, who was born in France. The Bachers later moved to North Dakota, where the name passed out of the Amish church.

6) **BAMBERGER** – Andreas Bamberger was a minister of the Zweibrucken church in the Palatinate, in 1779.

7) **BÄRNETT** – This name appears only once in the GEMEINDEBUCH, Marie Barnett, who was married to Jorg Keiser, formerly a Luthern, in 1791.

8) **BAUMGARTNER** – In 1767 this death record appears in the GEMEINDEBUCH, "Hans Baumgartner, the old. . whom the church has supported for fully five years." This is the only reference with this name.

9) **BIGLER** – This name appears 14 times in the GEMEINDEBUCH.

10) **BLASER or BLASSER** – Probably the same as BLOSSER found today in Mennonite circles.

11) **BRÄNTELE** –

12) **BÜLLER** –

13) **BÜRKI** –

14) **BÜTSCHI or BUISCHTI** – This name is mentioned seven times. Whether it is the same as the Beachy and Peachey we know today, is not certain.

15) **EGLI or ECKLE** – Jacob Eckle or the "Durlacher Gemein" was present at Essingen in 1779. A note says he was 79 years old.

16) **EICHELBÄRGER** –

17) **EICHER** – The name Eicher was very common in Montbeliard, and it happens that the family is also quite numerous among present day Amish. Whether today's Eichers trace back to the Montbeliard area is something that needs investigation.

The Eichers were among the first Amish living in Montbeliard, being there already in 1723, and likely longer. In fact, in 1759 Elizabeth Eicher made the statement that she had been a resident for forty years.

Several unusual events about the Eicher family are recorded in the GEMEINDEBUCH. In 1779 a Hans Eicher was drowned when his wagon and three-horse team were swept downstream by floodwaters. A few years later Anna Eicher, daughter of this man, wanted to marry Crist Lugbüll. The problem was that Lugbüll's first wife was still living, but she was a prostitute, and he was separated from her. Twenty-four ministers gathered to counsel about the matter, and they decided that Lugbüll was entirely innocent, hence he might remarry. So Crist Lugbüll and Anna Eicher became man and wife.

A Christian Eicher was ordained deacon in 1801.

18) **ENGEL** – Klaus Engel was VÖLLIGE-DIENER in the Amish church at Montreaux, and officiated at a number of marriages and ordinations recorded in the GEMEINDEBUCH. In 1773 there was a scandal when widower Crist Jodter married widow Lizbeth Nafziger. He brought her home to his house four days before the wedding and her daughter ran away and joined the Catholics, but in spite of all this there was a big wedding and celebration. Exasperated, Hans Rich (who kept the GEMEINDEBUCH records), could hardly contain himself as he wrote, "Und ist der gute Glaus Engel schierr in Ungluck kommen an dissem ubermuttigen Hochzeit und ist dem Christ Joder sein erst Weib erst zufor acht wochen gestorben geseint, des witzigen Mannes."

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Das Vierte theil von der Solamon Byler Brief. 1850.

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Solamon D. Byler, Belleville, Pa.

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Belleville, Pa.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

by Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

The second child of George Petersheim was (19) Petersheim (1), born in Europe, exact date not known; he married in Somerset County to Susan Miller, born June 6, 1805, a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Hochstetler) Miller. Abraham Miller was a son of Christian Miller who had married his second wife, Veronica Mishler. This Miller family lived in Shillington, a few miles southwest of the city of Reading, and are buried under the street which was, at the time of their burial, a corner of an orchard. Abraham Miller, mentioned above, moved to Bedford County, now Somerset County, and was ordained to the ministry there. He was blind the latter part of his life.

To (19) Peter Petersheim and his wife, Susan (Miller), were born four children; namely, (20) Lydia Petersheim (19), married to Christian Selders; Christian Petersheim (19), married to Barbara Miller, second to Lydia Hershberger; John Petersheim, married to Sarah Marner; Susan Petersheim, married to Wilhelm Bender. After the death of Peter Petersheim as a young man, his widow Susan remarried to John Kemp; their children were Moses Kemp, Mary Kemp, Joseph Kemp. Daniel Kemp, Catharine Kemp, Martha Kemp, Elizabeth Kemp, and Simon Kemp. Peter Petersheim lived in the Casselmans River valley or around Myersdale for sometime, some of the children moved south into Garrett County, Maryland in the vicinity of Grantsville and some into the Preston County, West Virginia settlement around the town of Aurora which lies along Route 50 about twenty miles south of Oakland, Maryland. This settlement started just about the same time as the settlement around Oakland.

Following this article is a road map showing the location of the four different localities where Amish churches existed at one time. The Conemaugh[1] (Gemein) was located mostly in Cambria County and northern Somerset County around Johnstown, Pa. and extended south to around Davidsville, Pennsylvania. There was one further south in Brothers Valley Twp. called the "Klazer" or the Glades[2] (Gemein)

Further south to Meyersdale and south to Grantsville, Maryland was called the Casselmans River[3] (Gemein). At present there is an Amish settlement around Oakland, Maryland, also in Garrett County. If you look at the map you will find that about twenty miles southwest of Oakland is Aurora,[4] West Virginia, where about a century or more ago there existed a prosperous Amish Church with ordained ministers. Today the only landmark left is that of the two cemeteries, one located along Route 50 where the Christian Selders farm was, the other about one mile north on the farm where Christian Petersheim lived.

The Amish Church at Aurora, West Virginia existed about fifty or more years, but a few families as late as 1950 got their mail at Aurora. The first Amish people moved there around 1850 and had four ordained ministers; namely, Daniel Beachy, Samuel Ganegy, Peter Miller, and John Slabauch. Around 1875 there were between twenty-five and thirty families living at Aurora. It was about this time, or later, that Pre. Samuel Genagy and Pre. John Slabauch withdrew from the Amish Church and joined the Holdeman group. Jonas Petersheim was then ordained but it seemed that the people slowly moved away but always kept close contact with the settlement at Oakland, Maryland which was only about twenty miles across the state line into Maryland.

It was at Aurora where (20) Lydia Petersheim (19), born March 5, 1823, married to Christian Selders, lived with their family of three sons; namely, (21) Valetine Selders (20), married to Magdalena Slaubaugh, the daughter of Pre. John Slaubaugh; (22) Daniel Selders (20), married to Elizabeth Schrock; and (23) Christian Selders (20), born Dec. 8, 1859 and was killed Dec. 8, 1896, was married first to Lizzie Schrock and second to Lizzie Brenneman.

Next on the list of the family of Peter and Susan (Miller) Petersheim is (24) Christian Petersheim (19), born Jan. 30, 1826, died Feb. 6, 1897, he first married to Barbara Miller who died in 1856, second to Lydia J. Hershberger who died in 1890. To this family were born nine children. Time and space would not be available to give an account of the complete lineage of them all but will mention a few; namely, (25) Tobias (24), born 1851 and married to Barbara Weaver, second to Amelia Hershberger, lived at Dundee, Ohio; (26) Lovina Petersheim (24), born Jan. 27, 1853; (27) Lydia Petersheim (24), born 1854, married to Eli Gingerich, Springs, Pa.; (28) Mary Petersheim (24), born 1856, married to Daniel Yutzy, Arthur, Illinois; (29) Levi Petersheim (24), born 1859, died 1884; (30) Gideon (24), born 1861, married to Lydia Yoder, Meyersdale, Pa.; (31) Noah C. Petersheim (24), born 1872, married to Anna Hershberger. They lived at Aurora, West Virginia and for a few years lived in LaGrange County, Ind. and also at Middlefield, Ohio. He was ordained a deacon in 1909. They had a family of nine children; namely, (32) Daniel N. (31), born 1885, died 1887; (33) Dora N. (31), born 1887, married to Menno Miller of Beach City, Ohio; (34) Moses N. (31), born 1899, married to Mary K. Byler, Sugarcreek, Ohio; (35) Jonas N. Petersheim (31), born 1890 one mile south of Honeyville, Indiana, married to Nancy K. Byler, a sister to his brother Moses' wife. They moved to Dover, Delaware and had a family of two children; namely, (36) Malinda Petersheim (35), married to Adam Schrock, and (37) Tobias Petersheim (35), born 1922, married to Barbara J. Yoder, the daughter of John J. and Mary (Miller) Yoder. They lived in Dover, Delaware before they moved to Juniata Co., Pennsylvania. There he was ordained a minister in 1953 and bishop in 1962.

(38) Mary Petersheim (31), was born 1893, married to John N. Hershberger, lived in Ohio.

(39) David N. Petersheim (31), born 1901, married to Fannie Miller.

(40) Rudy Petersheim (31), married first to Mary L. Byler, second to Mary J. Byler.

Another son of Christian Petersheim of Aurora, west Virginia was (41) Jonas C. Petersheim (24), married to Barbara C. Schlabauch. They lived at Aurora and Oakland, Maryland, where he was a minister and where they raised their family.

Next on the list of children of Peter and Susan (Miller) Petersheim is (42) John Petersheim (19), born 1828 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, died in Johnson County, Iowa in 1903. He married to Sarah Marner and lived in Pennsylvania till 1860 when they moved to Elkhart County, Indiana until 1863 they moved to Johnson County, Iowa with their family. One of their sons was (43) Jacob J. Petersheim (42), born in 1853 in Cambria County, Pa., married at Kalona, Iowa to Anna Yoder, daughter of David C. and Susan (Miller) Yoder. In December of 1900 they with their eight children moved to Reno County, Kansas. In the spring of 1903 he was ordained to the ministry and preached as long as health permitted when he died in February of 1932. To mention a few of their family is the oldest, (44) David J. Petersheim (43) of Haven, Kansas, married to Lizzie Ann Hostetler of LaGrange County, Ind. They had eleven children. One of their children (45) Katie (44), married to Andy Schrock who was later ordained bishop in LaGrange County, Indiana. (46) Clara Petersheim (44), married to Fred Yoder, a minister of Medford, Wisconsin. And the youngest is (47) David Petersheim (44), born in Reno County, Kansas in 1927, married to Amanda Beachy, she died at the age of 25 in Topeka, Indiana of a heart attack while holding her horse; David then remarried Susie Yoder, and was ordained a deacon of the Wolcottville District in 1962.

The youngest of the Peter and Susan (Miller) Petersheim family is (48) Susan (19). born 1830, married to Wilhelm Bender of Somerset County, Pa., the son of Daniel Bender of Langendorf, Germany. Wilhelm Bender had married his first wife, Catherine Miller, with whom he had eight children, and twelve children to his second wife, Susan Petersheim.

This Bender family accounts for the numerous Bender families found today among the Amish of Somerset County and other localities.

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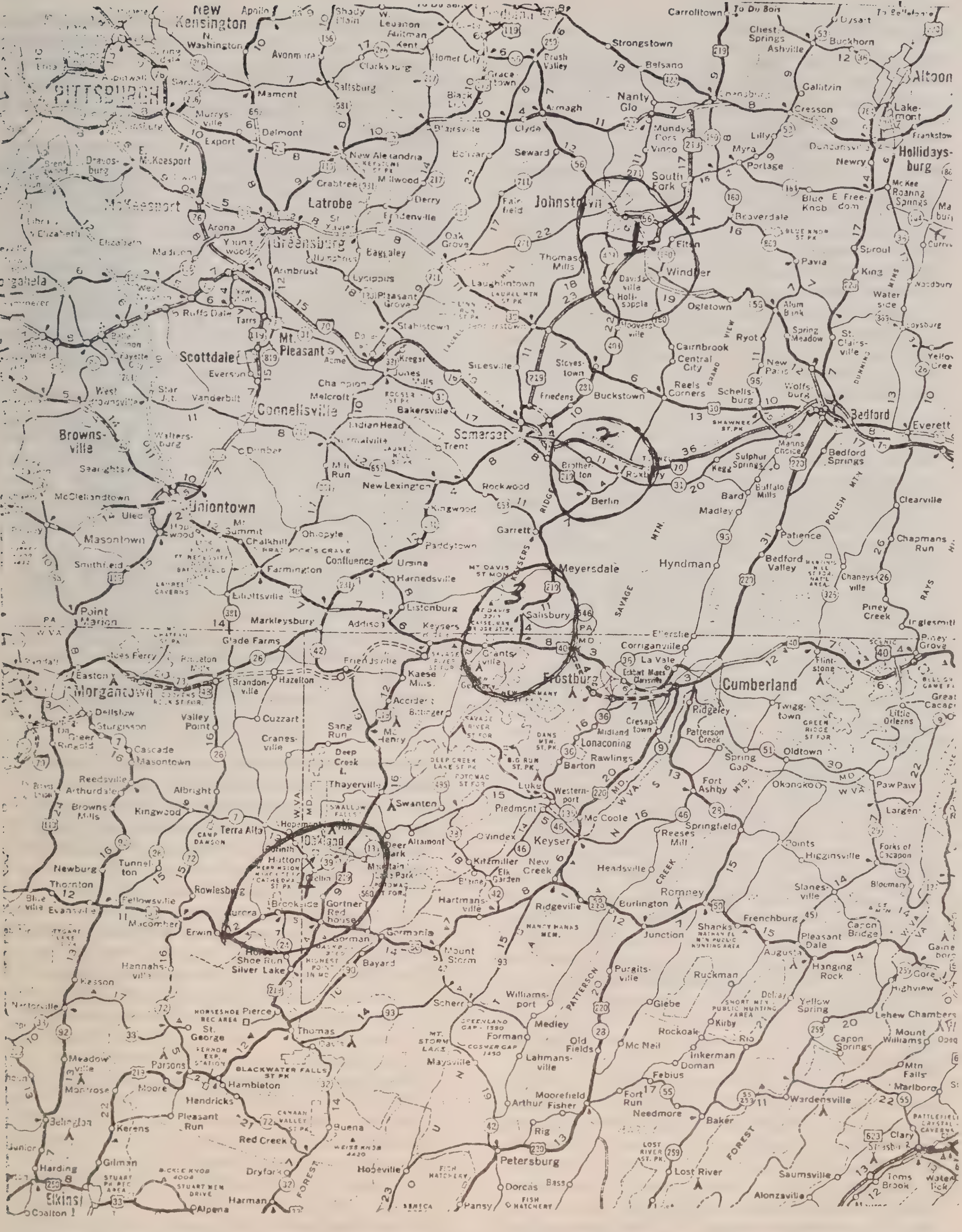
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In the writing of the late Bishop David Beiler he mentions the three districts of western Pennsylvania but did not know which one was the first. No. 1 was called the Conemaugh Gemein; No. 2, Glades; No. 3, Casselmans River; and No. 4 is the Oakland and Aurora District which started some years later.

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they were Amish. Not a single trace of records have been found yet today of Jacob and Veronica Beiler in Switzerland; no passport or a grant to leave the country, which indicates that they smuggled their way out, left their material goods and inheritance back in the old country, to be free to live their faith in America. Consequently there are no legal records of their leave and their birth and baptism record became void. Another point of proof is in the second marriage, Elizabeth Hallan did receive a legal leave, her family line and baptism records are in file in Swiss archives today. But after she was married to non-resistant faith she needed a proxy to collect her inheritance dues of 300 crowns less 10% which her brother petitioned to and received from the Swiss commissioners about thirty years after her leave.

Of the five children of Jacob's first marriage three are known to have been in the Amish Church, namely, Barbara, Anny and Christian. We have a clue to who Marie and Elizabeth were married to, but it needs more study. None of the last five children are thought to have been of the Amish faith. As a progenitor of Amish ordained men, Jacob Beiler ranks high.

Name Origin and Spellings

Our old time historians have long gained the attention of a letter in the Martyrs Mirror in 1575 of Gerrit von Byler, and many have thought this to be the original spelling. But since he was in a London prison it is only an English version of the Swiss family, perhaps then already inhabitants of the Swartenberg district. Since many Swiss surnames derive from a town or district name of a thal (valley) or a berg (mountain) we have a good example here. There are at least a dozen Swiss town names that are similar to our Amish and Mennonite names of which we will just list a surface study: Zug, Wengi, Schmitten, Oberholtzberg and Aesch. Although many German surnames follow trade names, like Zimmerman, Schmidt, Fisher, Kauffman, etc. and many of our people have spoken of Beiler being a trade name, beil meaning a hatchel or an axe. But in Switzerland it is a little different. We are inclined to think that Beiler originates from the town, Biel, which has an old name, Bienne, meaning bees. This town is located at the north point of Bieler Sea. So that our Martyrs Mirror example goes a long way to explain the origin or our name.

But what about the different spellings and pronunciations? This territory of Western Switzerland against Western France and joining Southern Germany has a language or dialect of its own. When Dr. Yoder first showed me that the official coat of arms (an emblem) of the old Beiler family in the seventeenth century showed a beehive to illustrate the name, I could hardly accept it. Even today it may be hard to explain. We know that when our brethren of Adams County, Indiana speak Switzerisch they will pronounce the e for an i like geischt in German they will say geescht and likewise they will say Beeler for Beiler in German. In the Bernische Taufer book we have another example. Among his list of Swiss refugees to Germany there is a Hans Buhler or Beeler. In a shiplist to America in 1733 he is listed as Hans Biler. Many more examples could be given.

Few of our names have more different spellings. We have already quoted Beyeler, Buhler and Byler as European spellings, there are more American spellings. The old American documents in Philadelphia, Reading and Lancaster will vary so much that they will not all be recognized at first.

One Berks County deed will mark the Irish Creek as Pilers Creek. Biler, Boiler, Beyler, Buhler, Behler, Beiler and Byler, in western counties, are typical spellings. Todays spellings have been reduced to two, Beiler and Byler. This change came about in the Bishop Hans Beiler family.

From the studies of Wm. F. Grabendike, of Wichita, Kansas, in 1970 we have another spelling. A Christian Beeler, born in 1763, died in 1828 in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, is buried in the Methodist Cemetery. We have as yet no connection of him to our line. We have references of at least three other Beiler family lines in America that do not link to our immigrant.

Jacob and Veronica Beiler are believed to be buried in a homestead burial plot. Of Elizabeth's death we have no record.

Joseph F. Beiler

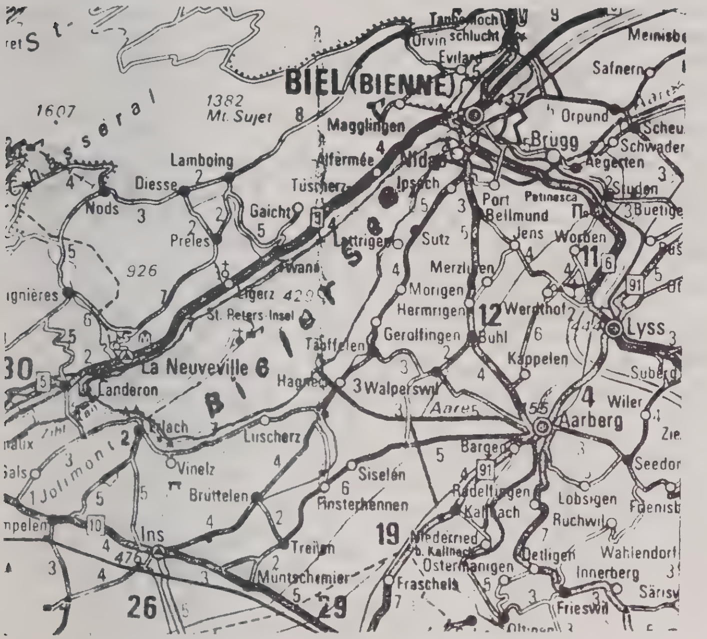
WILL OF JACOB BEILER

of Bern Township
Berks County, Pennsylvania
Filed Will book Vol. Z, page 128, Filed in 1771
Reading, Pennsylvania

I Jacob Beiler dwelling in Bern Township in Berks County to-day the 19th day of July in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, in the Presence of the Subscribing Witnesses, make my Testament and it is my last Will as follows:

1. First I bequeth to my Widow, which I leave behind me, a Widow Seat, to wit: The old House and the Stable near it and the Garden before the Door and three Cherry Trees thereby and one Piece of Meadow it is measured off behind the old Barn, and the Privilege of Water thereto and one Piece of Land on the lower side of the Lane where the Hemp Patch lies about an Acre more or less, she may use it as she pleases.
2. Secondly The owner or Tenant shall haul out the Dung for her and plow and harrow the land where she will have it and haul her first and second Crop Hay under Cover as also the Firewood, but she must make all herself.
3. Thirdly she has the right to two Rows of Trees in the Orchard running upward in the Orchard, these she may choose yearly, and ten Bushels of Wheat and Five Rye and 20 Bundles of Straw and one half Quarter of Flax the Owner or Tenant must give her – but the Flax must be on the same Land where he has Flax.

The Gerritt von Byler family likely originated from the Beiler Sea region.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Bienne was the old town name meaning bees.

4. Fourthly She has the Right to keep one or two Cows in the Field or in the Meadow, to wit, where the Owner or Tenant has his Cows at Pasture, she has also a Right to keep one Hog. All these the above mentioned is bequeathed to my Widow, which I leave behind, Elizabeth Beiler, to enjoy as long as she remains a Widow bur if she marries again her Widow Seat is forfeited and hath no longer to enjoy or to demand of all these above mentioned.
5. Fifthly I Jacob Beiler give to my Son Jacob Beiler a Right to clear 10 Acres of my land and to build a Dwelling House thereon and the Meadow where he has begun his Tanyard which he may enjoy with the 10 acres of Land till the 31 day of December 1772 and these he must pay 10 shillings Rent yearly therefor. At the End of the year 1772 his agreement is expired and has no further Right to dwell there or to enjoy ought, except what belongs to the Tanyard he may carry away and the Executors may appraise the Dwelling House at a reasonable price and pay him for it, but if he will not leave it at this Appraisement he may take it away also.
6. Sixthly I Jacob Beiler chuse and set my Friends and Neighbors, Christian Joder and Jacob Kaufman as also my Wife Elizabeth Beiler to be Executors over all my Estate and give them Right and Power over my Real and Personal Estate to receive and to pay, to buy and to sell, to make over or assign under my Name be it Deed – Notes or Bonds.
7. Seventhly All my Estate which I leave behind shall be sold or struck off Public Vendue when and as the Executors shall find good, except one Cow and her Bed she may first take and the loom and Gears thereto belonging is bequeathed to my Son David Beiler.
8. Eigthly I bequeath to my Widow which I leave behind the third part of the personal Estate and then the other two Parts of the Personal Estate must be reckened with the Place and Buildings and what is fastened with Nails and be divided among my 10 children in ten parts without respect of Persons, to one as to the other.
9. Ninthly The Payments to my Chidiren which I leave behind me shall be made thus–One Year after my Death the Executors shall begin to pay and shall pay my Daughter Barbara the Eldest Child and give her 30 Pounds and then according to age--- ---youngest----- personal Estate Extends and if the personal Estate does not reach so far as to the youngest Child for each to receive 30 Pounds, then they must wait 'till the Executors have Money from the Place. When Each has received 30 Pounds, namely, Barbara 30 Pounds

    Afterwards Anny 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my son Christian Beiler 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Daughter Maria 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Daughter Elizabeth 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Son Jacob Beiler 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Son John Beiler 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Daughter Sara 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Son Joseph Beiler 30 Pounds

    And afterwards my Son David Beiler 30 Pounds
10. Tenthly When then each has received thirty Pounds as is here mentioned then the Executors begin with the eldest and being guided by the Payments they shall receive from the Place and pay yearly two or three Children which they shall find good, 'till all is paid. But as some of the Children have received something and some Nothing, the first thirty Pounds Payments shall be paid on their Accounts.

All the above mentioned Articles the Executors shall certainly truly and well administer and pay to my Heirs and if any Controversy shall happen between my Heirs, the Executors shall decide between them in my Home.

And if any Difference shall happen between you Executors, then shall ye chuse two Men on each Part and let them decide between you and thereby ye shall abide.

All these above mentioned Articles we acknowledge and declare I Jacob Beiler and Elizabeth Beiler in good Understanding for our Testament and Last Will with our Hands and Seals.

Jacob Beiler Seal

Her
Elizabeth X Beiler Seal
Mark

Georg Wiedmann

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OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

The Jacob Beiler Family

Ever since the finding of the Jacob Beiler will (see copy following this article) we have known the names of the family well. Of course the will does not tell us everything, it describes the family, it gives us a glimpse of their manner of family life in Berks County, Pennsylvania from 1737 to 1771. It does not say when the children were born, who they were married to, or that his wife, Elizabeth, is his second wife.

Jacob Beiler, a native of Gugisburg, Switzerland, came to America on October 8, 1737 with his wife, Veronica (Feronica, or Fanny), and five children, Barbara, Anny, Christian, Maria, and Elizabeth.

Barbara married to Christian Yoder; Anny also married to a Yoder, but exactly who has not been ruled out yet; Christian's first marriage was to Barbara Yoder, second marriage to Mary Yoder, third marriage to Barbara (?); Maria's marriage is questionable; Elizabeth's marriage is unknown.

Veronica, the first wife of Jacob Beiler, died shortly after their migration to America. From a paragraph of "Swiss Imigrants in the Eighteenth Century," by Faust and Brumbaugh, we can gain some knowledge of his second marriage.

"Elizabeth Kallen the daughter of Hans and Anna Kallen of Schwander in the parish of Frutigen, emigrated to Penna., married there to Jacob Beyeler of Guggisberg. The later resides in Bern Twp., Berks County. Michael Keller of Lancaster (perhaps a brother) as proxy petitions to withdraw her inheritance from her parents (deceased). The government agrees to pay the property over to the proxy after deducting a 10 percent emigration tax."

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The following notation gives more information: There are still many members of the Kallan family in the district (landschaft) of Frutigen and of the Beyeler family in the landschaft of Schwarzenburg (meaning black mountain) where Guggisberg is situated. 1769 April 13."

Here we can add another note of interest. Dr. Omar Yoder has done extensive research in the Guggisberg area and has found a Beyeler (Bühler) hof that had a continuous family line dating back to the fifteenth century. He maintains that the Beyelers' in Switzerland today carry an identical blood type specimen to Beiler (Byler) blood types in America, which he claims is one family line. However he could not follow a postive line from the forebearers in Switzerland to our forefather Jacob, which is quite understanding that Jacob broke away from his kin which were prominent landsleute, perhaps Catholic, that kept a fine line of records of baptisms and marriages, but those that joined the Mennonites, such records generally became null.

Second marriage, Jacob Beiler and Elizabeth Kallan: Five children listed in the will are of this union. Jacob married to Catherine Kirsh. They had seven children, Philip, Michael, Peter, Elizabeth married to Frederick Sasseman, and Anna Marie married to John Hartman; two children died in minority.

Jacob Jr. and his mother were the executors of the estate and Jacob received the homestead as per will. In 1773 he received an additional grant of 140 acres adjoining his to the east. He also operated a tannery, and died in 1776 as a shoemaker. His widow married again and moved to Alsace Township, Berks County. In 1779 the Beiler tracts were sold.

John married to Christina, daughter of Jacob Esterloe. They lived, and probably died, in Exeter Township, Berks County. John Beiler's will was probated February 8, 1822, so he probably died early that year. It lists five children, Sarah wife of David Kline, Mary wife of Jacob Stauffer, Eliz wife of John Hine, Rachel wife of Mark Phare, and Christina wife of John Kloss.

Of Sarah we have no record.

Joseph was a captain in the Revolutionary War.

David, born about 1743, married to Nancy Fisher, daughter of John Fisher who with his family moved from Germany to America so that a son would not have to serve in the German army. From a record of Sarah Hoffman, Iowa State Historian, Iowa City, Iowa, 1938, she suggests that according to library military references, David paid fines of $75.00 for not active service during the Revolutionary War. David Beiler and his family settled in Pike County, Ohio in the early 1800's. David died January 13, 1824. Nancy died in 1839. Their only son, Joseph, died in 1848. They are all buried near Piketon, Ohio.

Before closing the Jacob Beiler family we must add a few more notes on conclusion. A question has arisen lately, was the family head really Amish? Here we can add a few points of clear evidence that

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14-YEAR-OLD BOY DIED UNEXPECTEDLY

Leroy Z., son of Daniel J. and Katie B. (Zook) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, Pa., died unexpectedly at his home at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 26th. Leroy had been to church with his granddad's team that day and took Granddad along as he had been doing the last while. The family had finished the evening chores and Leroy was going to the house to write his diary when the smaller children asked him to help play a little first. As they ran back of the house Leroy suddenly stopped, laid down with his hand on his chest and told the others to fetch Mother. When the parents came to his side life had fled. He had seemed to be husky and healthy all his life and being the oldest child and his father at times not in the best of health he was relied on quite a bit. (See obituary)

PA. BOY KILLED BY TRUCK

Daniel Ray, 4-year-old son of Samuel R. and Katie B. Beiler, Quarryville R2, Pa., was killed when he darted out onto Route 472, south of Quarryville, and into the path of a pickup truck in front of his farm home Monday afternoon, May 13. His daddy and brother were with him to get the mail on the other side of the road. He died in the doctor's office about twenty minutes after the accident. (See obituary)

OHIO MAN DIED FROM HEART ATTACK

Dan A., 26, son of Adam D. and Barbara (Stutzman) Byler, got up early May 27th to go fishing. He put a kettle of water on the stove and told his wife she doesn't have to get up right away, and went out into the pasture to get his horse. After some time she woke up and, seeing he wasn't gone yet, went out to investigate. She found him lying face up on the ground. His hat was some distance away indicating he was running, and life had fled. According to the doctor it could have been a heart attack caused by running and breathing in the cool morning air.

(See obituary)

SPRINGS, PA. CHILD FATALLY INJURED

Levi, age 2, son of Joel J. and Lydia (Kinsinger) Yoder was fatally injured in a farm accident May 27, at his home. He was thrown from a tractor on which he was riding with his father. Joel was harrowing the truck patch when the upright muffler of the tractor struck a low hanging tree limb and as the father depressed the clutch the boy was thrown to the ground. As the tractor lurched forward the wheel passed over the child's head resulting in the fatal injury.

(See obituary)

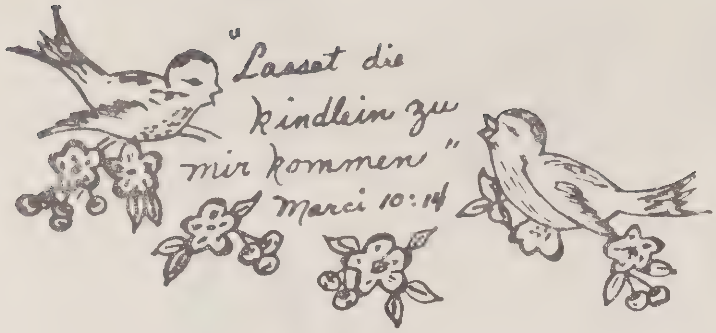
SAWMILL ACCIDENT FATAL TO 15-YEAR-OLD

Owen Byler, 15, of Indiana Co., Pa., was working in the sawmill, piling lumber. He evidently must have noticed something plugged up under the edger and crawled under it to clean the bark and sawdust away, getting his head in one of the saws, cutting about a four inch gash through the top of his head. He lived about four hours after the accident.

(See obituary

ARTHUR, ILL. COMMUNITY NOTE

Christina, 9-month-old daughter of Daniel and Dena (Herschberger) Schrock, was taken to the hospital the first week of May for tests, etc., than had an operation for a growth in the neck. She got along all right and came home May 22nd. Then on May 23rd Daniel (her father) wanted to start their engine to pump water in the pump house which also had some gas lines going through it. One of the pipes had a little leak which caused an explosion setting fire to his clothing, causing first, second and third degree burns. Two small fires were started which were put out with fire extinguishers. The force of the explosion tore off the door and he got outside. He was taken to Decatur Hospital by ambulance, was in intensive care for several days, and was still in the hospital at the end of the month.


"Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen" Marci 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Daniel D. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) New Holland R1, a son DAVID S., May 13
BEILER, Daniel E. (Lizzie B. Fisher) Christiana R1 a daughter SARA F., May 5
BLANK, Isaac (Ada Lapp) Kinzers R1 a daughter SUSAN, May 27
ESH, Reuben K. (Malinda G. Fisher) Quarryville R3 a son STEPHEN F., May 3
FISHER, Amos B. (Rebecca B. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a son SAMUEL MARLIN, May 11
FISHER, Benjamin K. (Lizzie S. Fisher) Quarryville R3, a daughter NAOMI H., May 31
GLICK, David I. (Dora K. Glick) Gap R1 a son, May 30
GLICK, Moses B. (Sarah Lapp) Quarryville R3 a daughter MATTIE L., May 3, she is a mongoloid; The parents would be glad to hear from people with the same experience.
KAUFFMAN, John E. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son HENRY S., May 28
KING, Amos K. (Rachel Smucker) Narvon R1, B. 495 a son FLOYD, May 12
KING, Christian G. (Priscilla F. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son DAVID S., April 29
KING, Isaac S. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Ronks R1 a daughter SARAH S., May 25
KING, Jacob (Rebecca Smucker) 159 Greenfield Rd., Lancaster, a daughter SUSIE S., May 7
LAPP, Christ K. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a daughter LINDA, May 10
LAPP, John E. (Lydia King) Quarryville R3 twin daughters, SYLVIA and SUSIE, May 20
LAPP, Michael S. (Fannie L. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a son ELMER F., May 10
LAPP, Noah B. (Katie L. Stoltzfus) Willow Street R1 a daughter SALLY S., May 24
PETERSHEIM, Emanuel (Annie Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a son ISAAC K., May 29
PETERSHEIM, Stephen (Mary Riehl) Narvon R2 a son SAMUEL R., May 15
STOLTZFUS, Abram B. (Katie L. Lapp) Oxford R1 a son KORE L., May 3
STOLTZFUS, Benuel S. (Priscilla S. Stoltzfus) Morgantown R1, a daughter, May 18
STOLTZFUS, Christian B. (Mary L. Fisher) Christiana R1, a son AMOS E., May 8
STOLTZFUS, Henry B. (Mary K. Swarey) Christiana R1 a daughter KATIE F., May 6
STOLTZFUS, Henry M. (Lizzie King) Main St., Leola a daughter REBECCA K., May 1
STOLTZFUS, Jesse S. (Sylvia Lapp) Strasburg R1 a son JONAS L., May 18
STOLTZFUS, Joel L. (Rachel K. Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a daughter SUSIE S., May 2
STOLTZFUS, John J. (Ada Glick) Honey Brook R1 a son JOHN J. JR., May 7
STOLTZFUS, Moses (Anna Zook) Kinzers R1 a son AMOS A., May 31
STOLTZFUS, S. Levi (Sadie S. King) Parkesburg R2 a son DAVID K., May 6

Dover, Delaware

BEACHY, Herman D. (Susie Mast) Dover R2 a daughter KATIE ANN, May 9
BYLER, David A. (Millie Gingerich) Dover R2 a son PAUL, May 19
MAST, Leroy J.. (Irene Byler) Dover R5 a son ANDY, May 10
MILLER, David A. (Emma Yoder) Dover R5 a stillborn son on May 1
MILLER, Eli W.. (Elma Yoder) Dover R5 a daughter EMMA, April 27

St. Mary's County, Maryland

FISHER, Stephen (Sarah Yoder) Mechanicsville a daughter LIZZIE, May 9

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

TROYER, Harry D.. (Lydia Schwartz) a daughter MATTIE, April 30

Centre County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Ephraim E.. (Lydia Beiler) a daughter KATIE, April 27
STOLTZFUS, Daniel U.. (Savilla Stoltzfus) a daughter RACHEL K.., May 20

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a daughter LINDA, May 3
PEACHEY, Shem (Barbara Zook) Belleville
a son REUBEN, May 6

McClure, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Samuel (Elizabeth Hostetler) Reedsville
a son JACOB, May 2
YODER, Christ R. (Katie Hostetler) Reedsville
a daughter DENA, May 6
ZOOK, Christ M. (Barbara Hostetler) Milroy
a son ELI, May 16

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

KINSINGER, Henry R. (Cora Brenneman) Meyersdale
a daughter KATIE, May 7
PEACHEY, Samuel M. (Dora Yoder) Springs
a daughter SADIE, May 13
YODER, Albert P. (Elizabeth Brenneman) Salisbury
a daughter AMELIA, May 22
YODER, Jacob M.. (Annie Kinsinger) Grantsville,Md.
a daughter WILMA, May 8

Indiana County. Pennsylvania

BYLER, Dan R. (Alma Byler) Smicksburg
a daughter MARY, March
BYLER, Ervin J. (Laura Byler) Smicksburg
a daughter BETTY, April 27
BYLER, Mose B.. (Martha Byler) Dayton
a daughter SALOMA, March 18
FISHER, Crist E.. (Clara Ann Miller) Marion Center
a son on May 27
MILLER, Abe W.. (Tillie Hershberger) Dayton
a son ANDY, April 22
MILLER, Allen E. (Emma Weaver) Smicksburg
a son ANDY, May 24
MILLER, David U. (Saloma Miller) Dayron
a daughter CLARA, April 15
SCHLABACH, Roman E. (Clara Detweiler) Smicksburg
a daughter CLARA, May 31

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Eli J.. (Betty Byler) Fredonia
a son WALLACE, May 15

Conewango Valley, New York

BYLER, Atlee, Jr. (Betty Miller)
a son ENOS, April 28
KAUFFMAN, Jonas (Lydiann Hershberger)
a son CRIST, May 12
MILLER, Atlee Y.. (Drusilla Miller)
a son ABE, May 2
MILLER, David L.. (Malinda Miller)
a son WILLIAM, May 11
MILLER, Harvey M. (Edna Hershberger)
a son MENNO, May 10
MILLER, Pete (Lydia Shetler)
a daughter ELLA, May 15
SLABAUGH, Dan A. (Mattie Shetler)
a daughter EMMA, May 5

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Andy R. (Esther J.. Miller)
a daughter on May 19
BYLER, Daniel N. (Barbara Ann Gingerich)
a daughter SYLVIA, May 19
DETWEILER, Eli A. (Katie A. Weaver)
a daughter on May 18
KAUFFMAN, John (Esther Yoder)
a son MARVIN, May 11
MILLER, Enos L.. (Sarah Kauffman)
a son ANDREW, April 17
MILLER, Jerry J.. (Ida J. Slaubach)
a son MAHLON, May 15
MILLER, Martin A..(Martha D.. Yoder)
a son on May 4
MILLER, William J. (Esther A..Byler)
a son JACOB, April 27
YODER, Dan T..(Naomi Schmucker)
twins DENA & LENA, May 17

Wayne County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Roman J. (Mary Weaver) Lakeville
a son ERVIN, May 19
HOCHSTETLER, Abe (Anna Gingerich) Orrville R2
a daughter SUSIE, April 30
MILLER, Emanuel J. (Gertie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2
a son, April 23
SWARTZENTRUBER, Levi R. (Iva Troyer) Apple Creek R2, a daughter REBECCA, April 24
TROYER, Abe A. (Ella D. Miller) Fredericksburg R2
a son HENRY, April 22
YODER, Ivan D. (Ella E. Miller) Apple Creek R1
a daughter VERNA, April 26

Holmes County, Ohio

BARKMAN, Jacob J. (Sara Miller) Sugarcreek
a daughter ADA, May 5
COBLENTZ, Andy R. (Sarah Miller) Holmesville R1
a son ALLEN, May 8
COBLENTZ, Clyde J. (Clara Shrock)
a son STEVEN, born May 18 (by adoption)
ERB, Andy L. (Maryann Miller) Millersburg R2
a daughter, May 19
KAUFMAN, Pre. Nelson D. (Lydia Schmucker)
a son DANIEL, May 9
MAST, Sam E. (Sara Yoder) Fresno
a daughter ADA MAE, May 6
MILLER, Ezra (Esther Weaver) Millersburg R5
a daughter RUTH, March 10
MILLER, Henry E. (Mary Troyer)
a daughter FANNIE, June 1
MILLER, Jacob S. (Esther &ershberger) Baltic R1
a son SAM, May 13
MILLER, Mose S. (Katie Erb) Millersburg R2
a son JOHNY, April 30
YODER, Ivan S. (Elsie Yoder) Millersburg R1
a son JOHN, April 26

Hicksville, Ohio

MULLET, Eli, Jr. (Wilma Stutzman)
a son MARK DEAN, May 13

Ashland, Ohio

BRENNEMAN, Dan (Sadie Yoder) Ashland R5
a son PAUL, April 7
BYLER, Eli (Edith Troyer) Ashland R5
a daughter SADIE, April 16
MILLER, Roman (Mary Miller) Shiloh R1
a son JONAS, April 27
SHROCK, Andrew (Laura Keim) Shiloh R1
a son PAUL, May 31
YODER, Floyd (Fannie Mast) Greenwich R2
a son VERNON, May 6

Ashley, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Roman (Barbara Bontrager)
a daughter VERNA, April 3

Allen County, Indiana

EICHER, William (Mary Schmucker) Spencerville
a son ERNIE, May 15
GERIG, Joseph (Rosa Miller) Grabill R1
a son JOSEPH, JR., May 10
GRABER, Ben (Marian Miller) Grabill
a daughter MARILYN, May 23
GRABER, John (Josephine Graber) Grabill R2
a son JOHN, JR., May 4
GRABER, Jonas (Emma Graber) New Haven
a daughter LAURA MARIE, May 19
GRABER, Menno (Amanda Steury) Grabill R2
a son STEVEN (adopted) March 14
MILLER, Lester (Kathryn Brandenberger) New Haven
a son WILLIAM, May 11
SCHWARTZ, Daniel (Anna Lengacher) Grabill R2
a daughter VERNA, May 3
SCHWARTZ, Danny (Amanda Schmucker) New Haven
a son MENNO, May 10
ZEHR, John (Betty Graber) Grabill R1
a daughter LILLIAN, May 11

Adams County, Indiana

CHRISTNER, Levi C. (Rosie Miller) Berne R2
a son, May 17
GRABER, Amos J. (Mandy Coblentz) Geneva R2
a son JAKE, May 23
SCHWARTZ, Amos L. (Emma K. Schwartz) Monroe R1
a son AMOS, in May
SCHWARTZ, Emanuel F. (Martha M. Hilty) Berne R1
a son WILLIAM, May 7
SCHWARTZ, John D. (Rachel Graber) Geneva R2
a son JOHN, April 30
SCHWARTZ, Menno R. (Mary Wengerd) Monroe R1
a daughter ELIZABETH, in May
SWARTZENTRUBER, Tobe (Lovina Graber) Geneva R1
a son CHRIST, May 11
WENGERD, John (Rosie L. Wickey) Geneva R1
a daughter ANNA, in May

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Ezra (Rosa Yoder) Topeka R2
a son DENNIS E., May 21
BONTRAGER, Samuel D.. (Wilma Miller) Rome City R1
a son CHRISTY, May 26
BONTRAGER, Wilbur (Edna Bontrager) Shipshewana
a daughter MARTHA, April 23
MAST, Mervin L.. (Fannie Miller) Topeka R2
a daughter NORMA M., May 7
MILLER, Dennis (Barbara Mast) LaGrange R2
a daughter ESTHER, May 13
MILLER, Floyd U. (Anna Mae Yoder) LaGrange R4
a son HARLEY F., May 20
MILLER, Leroy H.. (Irene Hochstedler) Shipshewana
a daughter WANETA L.., May 10
MILLER, Ora S. (Susie Yoder) Wolcottville R2
a son PERRY S., May 22
RABER, LaVern (Leona Hochstedler) LaGrange R4
a son ANDREW L., April 20
WEAVER, Leroy D.. (Ida Bontrager) Shipshewana
a daughter ESTHER FERN, May 10
WEAVER, Vernon D.. (Elva Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter JOAN V.., April 23
YODER, Leroy J.. (Betty Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter WANETA KAY, May 14
YODER, Lonnie E. (Elizabeth Riegsecker) Shipshewana
a daughter CAROL JUNE, May 2
YODER, Richard D.. (Viola Schrock) Topeka R2
a son KENNETH EUGENE, May 5

Elkhart County, Indiana

MILLER, Freeman (Anna Marie Yoder) Middlebury R1
a daughter CAROLYN SUE, May 17
MILLER, Howard (Lillian Nisley) Goshen R4
twins NELSON & NORMAN, May 7
MILLER, Rudy C. (Esther Schrock) Middlebury R1

Marshall County (Nappanee), Indiana

BURKHOLDER, Lavern (Verna Yoder Nappanee R2
a son LAVERN, JR. May 9
BURKHOLDER, Carl J.. (Rosetta Miller) Etna Green R1
a son PHILIP, May 9
HOCHSTETLER, Ammon (Edith Burkholder) Nappanee
a daughter LINDA FERN, May 20
WINGARD, Harley (Clara Helmuth) Milford R2
a daughter SADIE, May 29

Howard County (Kokomo), Indiana

MILLER, Lester (Alma Anderson) Amboy R1
a son LARRY JAY, May 20
YODER, Daniel D. (Irene Gingerich) Greentown R2
a daughter LORENE, May 24

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Melvin and Leah
a daughter SHEILA, May
KNEPP, Verlyn (Carolyn Knepp)
a daughter on April 27
STOLL, Joel (Carolyn Knepp)
a daughter ROSANNA, April 16
SWARTZENTRUBER, Alvin Jay (Lorene Marner)
a daughter LINDA JEAN, April 13
WAGLER, Amos (Susanna Graber)
a son on April 26
WAGLER, Ezra (Mary Louise Wagler)
a son RICHARD LEON, April 11
WAGLER, Henry G.. (Viola Knepo)
a daughter SHARON, April 24
WAGLER, John, Jr. (Betty Graber)
a son on April 24
YODER, David (Lillie Mae Knepp)
a son DARVON, April 12
YODER, Lester (Marie Raber)
a son LESTER LEON, April 10

Guthrie, Kentucky
BYLER, Daniel (Betty Kauffman) Guthrie R2
a son MARVIN DANIEL, May 23

Arthur, Illinois
DIENER, Lewis (Treva Yoder)
a son in May
HERSCHBERGER, Andy (Ruth Miller)
a daughter on April 30
YODER, Lonnie (Martha Schrock)
a daughter ADA in April

Reno County, Kansas
FRY, Glen D. (Arlene Miller) Haven
a daughter KATHLEEN, May 12

Pike County, Missouri
BURKHOLDER, Pete (Wilma Kemp)
a daughter LEAH, April 22

Anabel, Missouri
BORNTREGER, Abraham Y. (Martha Borntrager)
a daughter MATTIE, May 4

Fortuna, Missouri
MILLER, Menno C. (Edna Mae Yoder)
a son ELMER, April 14

Jamesport, Missouri
DETWEILER, Tobias Jr. (Amanda Troyer)
a daughter BARBARA, May 7
HOCHSTETLER, Abie (Mary Bontrager)
a daughter BARBARA, May 6
MAST, Menno A. (Lucy Kauffman)
a son AMOS, May 9
YODER, David M. (Betty Hostetler)
a son ADEN, May 5

Audrain County, Missouri
SHETLER, Eli V. (Barbara Gingerich) Clark
a daughter MATTIE, May 6
SHROCK, Crist (Amelia Borntreger) Clark
a son JACOB, April 30

Webster County, Missouri
HILTY, Sammy S. (Elizabeth Schwartz) Seymour R3
a daughter MARY, May 1
SCHWARTZ, Pete E. A. (Annie Y.. Schwartz) Seymour
a daughter ELIZABETH B., April 27
SCHWARTZ, Pete W.. (Miriam Zook) Seymour R1
a daughter FANNY, April 29

Johnson County, Iowa
BONTRAGER, Vernon E.. (Alta Hershberger)
a son TRUMAN, April 22
MAST, Fred (Mary Pearl Miller)
a son on April 3
MILLER, Simon (Ruby Overholt)
a daughter MARY ANN, April 10

Milton, Iowa
HOCHSTETLER, Noah (Laviana Gingerich)
a son, May 26

Buchanan County, Iowa
DETWEILER, Allen (Mattie Raber) Hazleton
a daughter LIZZIANN, May 16
DETWEILER, Lester (Fanny Bontrager) Hazleton
a son LESTER, May 22
GINGERICH, Noah D. (Susie Yoder) Independence
a daughter SUSIE, May 10
SCHWARZ, Henry (Martha Yutzy) Hazleton
a daughter CAROLYN, May 18

Amherst, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Levi (Ella Borntrager) Amherst
a son CLEMENS R., May 23
BORNTREGER, Daniel C. M. (Sylvia Mast) Amherst
a daughter MARTHA, May 5
MILLER, Henry (Edna Miller) Amherst
a daughter LYDIA, May 20

New Glarus, Wisconsin
PLANK, William (Lizzie Gingerich)
a son ALLEN, April 18
YODER, Ben (Rachel Miller)
a daughter LAURA

Blair, Wisconsin
LAMBRIGHT, Perry J. (Sylvia Mast)
a son PERRY, JR., May 25

Medford, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Alvin (Katie Miller
a son RUDY, May 3

Norwich, Ontario
MILLER, Levi G. (Barbara J. Shetler)
a daughter EMMA, April 16

St. Marys, Ontario
GRABER, David (Erma Yoder)
a son MELVIN, May 31

Milverton, Ontario
JANTZI, Dan (Sarah Jantzi) Milverton R1
a son JONATHAN, May 2
KUEPFER, Allan (Delilah Schmidt) Newton R1
a daughter ADELINE, May 22
KUEPFER, Amos (Clara Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a daughter ESTHER, May 18
KUEPFER, Rufus (Sarah Zehr) Newton R1
a son ADAM, May 2
SCHMIDT, Ammon (Clara Kuepfer) Milverton R2
a son EMMANUEL, May 8
STREICHER, John (Elizabeth Wagler) Milverton R2
a daughter FANNIE, May 18

NOTICE!! We publish a "Senior Sunshine" page in the June issue of THE DIARY each year, listing our older members who are 80 years old and older. We would like to bring this list up to date in the June 1974 issue. Please send us any corrections and additions to last year's list. Anyone please feel free to send them to us.

OBITUARIES

BARKMAN, Albert, 68, of Holmes County, Ohio
died very suddenly May 6th. He was out in the woods helping to haul logs when he had a heart attach and died almost instantly. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Schlabach) Barkman; five sons and five daughters, all married; one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held May 9th, by Bishop Andy E. Yoder from the home district and Joseph Hostetler from Illinois in the house, and Bishop Dan N. Yoder and Min. Mose A. Yoder in the barn.

BEILER, Daniel Ray, age 4, Quarryville R2, Pa.
died May 13 after being hit by a truck (see front page). His age was 4 yr., 8 mo., 27 days. He was a son of Samuel R. and Katie B. (Beiler) Beiler. Surviving in addition to his parents are a brother, Alvin Lee, two sisters, Fannie Marie and Savilla, all at home; and maternal grandparents, John M. and Savilla (Blank) Beiler, Kinzers R1.

Funeral services were held at Daniel R. Beilers' May 15, by Sam Zook and Amos Y. Beiler; hymn read by Amos S. Fisher; short services at the home were held by John B. Stoltzfus, hymn read by Jacob L. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by Bennie Fisher; abschied by David Riehl; burial in Fishers Cemetery.

BENDER, Mrs. Barbara, 72, Grantsville, Md.
died May 9 at her home following a lingering illness. She was born Feb. 8, 1902 a daughter of the late Harvey C. and Mary J. (Frey) Miller. Surviving are her husband, Samuel W. Bender; two sons, Harvey G. Bender, Grantsville, Md., and Enos M. Bender, Springs, Pa.; ten grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Susan Yoder, Riverside, Iowa, Mrs. Mary Helmuth, Mrs. Mattie Bender, and Mrs. Edna Miller, Kalona, Iowa; and five brothers, Samuel H. Miller, Pulaski, Iowa, Clarence, Enos and Henry Miller, Kalona, Iowa, and Harvey Miller, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the Niverton church on May 12th.

BYLER, Dan A., 26, of Geauga County, Ohio
died May 27 from an apparent heart attack (see front page). He was a son of Adam D. and Barbara (Stutzman) Byler and was married five years ago to Emma, daughter of Dan M. and Emma (Byler) Shrock. Surviving are his wife, parents, three children, a sister and brothers.

Funeral services were held Wed., May 29 at 12 o'clock in the home by Bishop Eli Miller from Dover, Del. and the home bishop, Eli Mast; in the basement by Pre. Joe Yoder from Mio, Mich. and Pre. Dan J. B. Miller; at the neighbors, Allen A. Millers, by Pre. Lester Mast and Bishop Noah Bender.

BYLER, Owen, 15, of Indiana County, Pa.
died May 3rd at Kittanning Hospital after a sawmill accident (see front page). He was a son of Joe and Verna (Miller) Byler, and is survived by his parents, four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held in three houses May 6th, by Ammon Miller from Wayne Co., Ohio and Bishop Jake Schlabach at the home; by Ervin Schlabach and Ervin Byler, and by Bishop Enos Fisher and Reuben Byler at the neighbors. It was the largest funeral since the Indiana County settlement started.

CHUPP, Mattie, 71, of Arthur, Illinois
died May 1st at the age of 71 yr., 9 mo., 21 days. She was born near Arthur, Ill. July 9, 1902, a daughter of Abraham C. and Dena (Helmuth) Herschberger; married Jacob Chupp Dec. 23, 1926; he died Sept. 7, 1973 (see obituary in Sept. 1973 issue, page 166); lived in matrimony 46 yr., 8 mo., 14 days. Surviving are six sons and two daughters, all married; 39 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Three brothers and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Menno Chupp home, south of Arthur; burial was in Otto Cemetery.

FARMWALD, Jake, 88, of Indiana County, Pa.
died April 19 at his home near Trade City, Pa. after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held April 22nd by the home preachers.

GINGERICH, Jonas, 70, Plain City, Ohio
A very big funeral was held on the 21st. He was over seventy and had lingered for the last few years.

KING, Miss Lydia K., 77, Gordonville R1, Pa.
died Sunday, May 5, at 11:50 p.m. at the home of her nephew, David B. King, Millcreek School Road, Bird-in-Hand. She was born in Leacock Twp., a daughter of the late David S. and Mattie (King) King. Surviving are four brothers, Henry K. King, Lebanon R1; Aaron K. King, Bird-in-Hand R1; Benjamin K. King and Samuel K. King, both of Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held from the late home at Gordonville R1 May 8 at 12 o'clock, by Pre. Abram K. King and Pre. Lloyd M. Beiler; hymn read by Pre. Gideon K. King; hymn at graveyard read by Pre. Amos Z. Esh of Lebanon Co.; abschied by Pre. Jacob King; burial was in Myers Cemetery.

MAST, Mrs. Katie, 81, Millersburg R5, Ohio
died Wed., April 24, at her home. She was born Jan. 11, 1893 to the late Jacob and Mary (Miller) Shetler, and was married to Eli J. Mast in 1913 who preceded her in death in 1970. Surviving are two sons, Henry of Mammoth Springs, Ark. and Jacob of Millersburg R5; four daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Lizzie) Miller of the home, Mrs. Eli (Alma) Weaver and Mrs. Levi (Susan) Keim of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Alvin (Maryann) Kline of Millersburg Star Route; 33 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, three foster grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, one half sister, and one half brother. Preceding her in death were three sisters, two brothers and one half sister.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 26, by Bishop Dan E. Schlabach; burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

MILLER, Lizzie, 87, of Sarasota, Florida
died Thursday, May 9, in the Memorial Hospital in Sarasota. She was born in LaGrange County Sept. 3, 1886, and was a resident of the Shipshewana area most of her life, moving to Florida about 20 years ago. She was married in 1930 to Jonas Miller, who died in 1956. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Schmucker of Sarasota; a stepson, Edwin Miller of Harrisburg, Pa.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother and four sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Perry Bontrager residence by Bishop Perry Bontrager. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

PETERSHEIM, Mrs. Rebecca L., 83, Strasburg, Pa.
of 233 Miller St., died at 2:10 a.m. Friday at her home. She had been under the care of a physician. She was born in Leacock Twp., a daughter of the late Jacob Y. and Fannie L. (Lapp) Beiler, and was the widow of Amos Petersheim who died Oct. 21, 1970. She is survived by a step daughter, Leah, wife of John A. Fisher, Strasburg, and nine step grandchildren. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Josiah Beiler, Kinzers; Mrs. Sarah Flaud and Mrs. Fannie Flaud, both of Bird-in-Hand R1; Daniel and Moses Beiler, Ronks R1; John Beiler, Kinzers R1; Mrs. Lizzie Kinsinger, Myersdale; Amos Beiler, Paradise R1; and Mrs. Katie Eicher, Ashley, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 3, at 9 a.m. at the Aaron M. Fisher residence. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

SCHLABACH, Mrs. Arie, 61, Fredericksburg R 2, Oh.
died May 14 of cancer which she had known about only six weeks. That was when they wanted to remove her gall bladder and found cancer. From then on she went back fast. Born at Berlin she was a daughter of the late Jerry and Lydia (Raber) Schlabach. Surviving beside her husband, Eli D. Schlabach, whom she married in 1933, are two daughters, Mrs. Dan R. (Lydia Ann) Miller and Mrs. Roman R. (Mary) Troyer, both of Fredericksburg R2, and one son, Dennis E. of Millersburg Star Route; a sister and a brother, Mrs. David (Mary Ann) Kline and John L. Schlabach, both of Fredericksburg R2, and nine grandchildren. Four brothers, a sister and a grandson are deceased.

Funeral services were held May 17, by Bishop Ezra Y. Miller and others. Burial was in the Kline Cemetery in Salt Creek Township.

SCHROCK, Bish. Levi S., 77, Johnson Co., Iowa
died April 14 at the age of 77 yr., 8 mo., 6 days. He is survived by his widow, the former Sarah Yoder of Nappanee, Ind., and eight children, Olin of Iowa City Rt., Mrs. Perry (Judy) Miller of Hutchinson, Ks., and Elmer, Edwin, Leo, Mrs. Rudy (Mary) Miller, Mrs. Daniel (Alma) Nisly, Mrs. Elmer (Sylvia) Ropp, all of the Kalona area; also two sisters, Mrs. Dan Nisly of Hutchinson, Kansas and Mrs. Dan P. Bontrager of Shipshewana, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at the home by Bishop Truman Miller, and Pete Graber of Etna Green, Ind., and in the large tent by Ministers Ernest Yoder of Middlebury, Ind. and Willis Yoder of Nappanee, Ind., and in the small house by Bishop Jonas Beachy.

SLABAUGH, Edward T., 64, Bremen R1, Ind.
died May 14th after being ill with cancer for several months. He was born Dec. 12, 1909 to Tobias J. and Amanda (Yoder) Slabaugh, and was a lifelong resident of the Nappanee area. He married Jan. 10, 1935 to Alma Yoder who died in a car accident Nov. 15, 1962. His second marriage was to Widow Fannie Farmwald on Dec. 20, 1964, and she survives. Also surviving are his father, Tobias J. Slabaugh aged 91, Nappanee R2; four sons, Allen, Larry and Owen, all of Nappanee and Glen of Goshen; four daughters, Mrs. Loren (Erma) Troyer, Mrs. Joni (Mary Ellen) Beachy, Mrs. Jay (Eleanor) Peachey, and Mrs. Dale (Kay Ann) Schertz, all of Nappanee; two step sons, Oliver E. Farmwald, Goshen and Andrew J. Farmwald, Nappanee; two step daughters, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Tobias and Mrs. Homer (Mary) Yoder, both of Nappanee; six brothers, Joe, Levi and Dan, all of Nappanee, Simon of Bremen, Raymond of Goshen and Ezra of Bourbon; three sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Lydia) Yoder of Wolford, N. Dakota, Mrs. Andrew (Clara) Chupp and Miss Fannie Slabaugh, both of Nappanee; 24 grandchildren and 12 step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the family home on May 16th, by Bishop Eli Yoder and Pre. Willis Yoder.

STOLTZFUS, Israel E., 73, Kirkwood R1, Pa.
died Wednesday noon, May 15, while walking to the funeral of 4-year-old Daniel Beiler. The doctor said death was due to a heart attack. He also had hardening of the arteries for quite awhile. He was a son of the late Samuel and Sarah (Esh) Stoltzfus and the husband of Priscilla (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus. In addition to his wife he is survived by the following children, John K., Jonas K., Fannie, wife of Steven L. Beiler and Priscilla, wife of Noah Beiler, all of Christiana R1, Samuel K. of Bloomsburg, Israel S. of Kirkwood R1, Elam S. of Guatemala, C. A., Moses S. and Rachel, wife of Aaron Fisher, both of Paradise R1, Jacob at home, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry B. Zook of Bart; also these brothers and sisters, Samuel E. of Gordonville R1, Steven E. and Mattie, wife of Aaron Lapp, both of Kirkwood R1, John E. and Christ E., both of Christiana R1, Mary, wife of Jonas S. Fisher of Ronks R1, Mrs. Hannah Stoltzfus of Mechanicsville, Md., Annie, wife of John L. Stoltzfus of Leola, and Mrs. Elizabeth Lapp of Gap R1; 73 grandchidlren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the barn at home at 9 a.m. May 17th, by Pre. Ben M. Kauffman and Pre. Benuel S. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Dea. David S. Esh; hymn at graveyard read by Dea. Sammie S. Stoltzfus; abschied by Pre. John B. Stoltzfus; burial in Fisher's Cemetery. Pall bearers were six grandsons, Israel Stoltzfus, Israel Stoltzfus, Israel Fisher, Amos Beiler, Levi Stoltzfus and Sam Stoltzfus.

STOLTZFUS, Leroy Z., 14, Honey Brook R2, Pa.
died unexpectedly at his home Sunday, May 26 (see front page). Born in Lancaster County, he was a son of Daniel J. and Katie B. (Zook) Stoltzfus. His age was 14 yr., 9 mo., 3 days. Surviving besides his parents are a sister, Sarah Z.; five brothers, Benuel M., Christian Z., Amos Z., Daniel Z. and Jonathan Z., all at home; the paternal grandfather, Christian P. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, and the maternal grandparents, Moses B. and Sarah (Blank) Zook, Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held at the home at 11:30 a.m. May 29th, by a great uncle to the deceased, Moses Blank, and Bishop Elam P. Kauffman; hymn read by Dea. John K. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by Pre. Levi D. Riehl; abschied by Pre. Aaron King; burial in Stoltzfus Cemetery, Honey Brook. Pall bearers were one uncle, Joseph Zook, and three cousins, Vernon and Melvin Stoltzfus and Aaron Zook.

TROYER, Mrs. Mary, 35, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio
died Wednesday, May 8, in Pomerene Memorial Hospital in Millersburg following a long illness. She was born in Holmes County to John D. and Lydia (Raber) Frey of Millersburg R5. Surviving beside her husband, Andy A. Troyer, and parents are two daughters and a son, Emma Sue, Nettie and Harvey of the home; two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Ervin A. (Katie) Hershberger of Big Prairie R1, Mrs. Junior (Fannie) Burkholder of R5, and Paul J. of R4, Millersburg.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 11, by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger, Pre. Amos Miller from Illinois and Bishop Abe A. Yoder at the Mahlon Troyer residence; by Pre. Alvin F. Hershberger and Pre. Nelson Kauffman at a neighbor's place.

WAGLER, Martha, 3½ mo., Montgomery R1, Ind.
daughter of David V. and Anna (Graber) Wagler, died at the family residence at 10:55 p.m. Monday, April 1. Surviving are the parents, five brothers, Fred, Wilmer, David Jr., Ira and Mark, four sisters, Rosa May, Caroline, Anna Barbara and Dorothy, all at home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wagler, Montgomery R1.

Funeral services were held by Pre. Ben Wagler. Burial was in the Stoll Cemetery.

YODER, Infant, Shipshewana R1, Indiana
The stillborn son of William J. and Fannie Marie (Lambright) Yoder was born Friday morning, May 17, in the LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving with the parents are a brother, Wilbur, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Yoder of Shipshewana R1 and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Lambright of Wolcottville R3.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m. by Abe Yoder in the Yoder Cemetery.

YODER, Levi J, age 2, Springs, Pa.
died May 27th from head injuries (see front page). He was born Aug. 13, 1971, a son of Joel J. and Lydia H. (Kinsinger) Yoder. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Daniel 15 and Joseph 5 and two sisters, Nancy and Salina, all at home.

Funeral services were held May 30th at the Niverton Church.

YODER, Mrs. Lydia, 71, Baltic, Ohio
died Monday, May 13, following a heart condition. Born in Holmes County, she was a daughter of the late Mose J. and Denah (Miller) Raber. Surviving in addition to her husband, John C. Yoder, are three daughters and five sons, Mrs. Eli W. (Ada) Weaver of Ashland R5, Mrs. John S. (Susie) Troyer, Mrs. Alvin M. (Denah) Miller and Mose J. of Baltic R1, Eli J. C. of Sugarcreek R1, and Christ J. C., Roy J. and John J. of Millersburg R3; four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mrs. Dan (Katie) Yoder, John M. and Eli M. Raber of Baltic R1, Mrs. Andy J. (Susie) Yoder of Millersburg R4, and Mrs. Ada Hershberger of Sugarcreek R1; one stepbrother, Mose Nisley of Baltic R1; one stepsister, Mrs. Andy N. (Susan) Yoder of Baltic R1; 56 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the home by Bishop Crist A. Troyer of Topeka, Ind., and Bishop Dan G. Yoder of the home church. Burial was in the Raber Cemetery in Clark Township.

ORDINATIONS

Dover, Delaware
Deacon John A. Yoder, age 66, was ordained minister in North District on May 5th.

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania
Mose S. Yoder, 32, was ordained minister May 12 in the Andy J. Byler District. He is a son of Joseph L. and Katie S. (Byler) Yoder. His wife, Lovina, is a daughter of Saloma D. (Mast) and the late Dan J. Byler.

Dan J. Byler, 46, was ordained minister May 19 in the Andy M. Byler District. He is a son of John D. and the late Bena R. (Byler) Byler. His wife, Emma, is a daughter of Felty Rabers of Holmes County, Ohio.

Geauga County, Ohio
Sam J. Kempf was ordained minister in John N. Detweiler's East District, May 5.

Pre. Harvey J. Kempf was ordained bishop in Dan N. Gingerich's North District, May 11.

Jake R. Byler, 27, was ordained minister in Sam Erb's District. He is a son of Reuben J. Byler of Spartansburg, Pa.

Holmes County, Ohio
Abe M. Miller, 31, Holmesville R1 was ordained deacon in North Holmesville District, April 28. He is a son of Melvin B. and Mary Miller. His wife, Erma, is a daughter of Eli D. and Sarah Yoder of Millersburg R5. With him in a lot of seven were Eli D. Miller, Vernon Kline, Bert E. Miller, Wm. Kuhns, Roy M. Weaver and Dan B. Weaver.

Aden R. Troyer, son of Raymond A. and Mattie Troyer, was ordained deacon in Dan N. Yoder's district, May 2.

Eli J. M. Miller was ordained bishop in Dan Stutzman's East district, May 3.

Melvin L. Miller, son of Levi H. and Fannie Miller, was ordained deacon in Dan J. D. Miller's North district, May 4.

Andy J. Yoder, son of Jacob N. and Mary Yoder, was ordained minister, May 6. On this date 26 years ago his father was ordained.

Levi Yoder, son of Sam J. and Ella Yoder, was ordained deacon in Eli E. Hershberger's West district, May 9.

Centreville, Michigan

Amos D. Hostetler, 47, Sturgis, was ordained minister in Wm. P. Miller's South West District, May 19. He is a son of the late Bishop Dan Hostetler of Indiana. His wife, Ida, is a daughter of the late Daniel Bontrager of Michigan.

Ashley, Indiana

Ruben S. Bontrager, 40, was ordained bishop, May 23 (Himmelfort), on the day 20 years ago he was ordained minister. He moved here from Fortuna, Mo. one year ago. With him in the lot were our other three ministers, Ruben E. Schwartz, Roman Bontrager and Henry Mast.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Menno Lambright, 47, Topeka R1, was ordained deacon in David Bontrager's South District, May 14. He is a son of the late John V. and Ada (Lehman) Lambright. His wife, Fannie, is a daughter of the late Levi I. and Mary Schrock.

Clarence Slabaugh, LaGrange R4, was ordained deacon in David Bontrager's North District. He is a son of Jacob Slabaughs. His wife, Susie, is a daughter of Bishop Joni B. and the late Polly (Troyer) Miller.

Menno Petersheim, 25, was ordained minister in Dan M. Hochstedler's East District. He is a son of Dea. David and the late Amanda (Beachy) Petersheim. His wife, Ida, is a daughter of Pre. Eli Gingerich.

Joe Troyer, 36, was ordained minister in Dan M. Hochstedler's West District. He is a son of Pre. Eli Troyers. His wife, Mattie, is a daughter of Bishop Wm. A. Yoders.

Lee Andrew Yoder, Topeka R1, was ordained minister in Dan A. Miller's North District. He is a son of Bishop Eli Yoders of Nappanee. His wife, LeAnna, is a daughter of Orva and Elma Miller. They have five small children.

Clarence Bontrager, Topeka R1, was ordained in Menno Yoder's district. He is a son of the late David K. and Lydia Bontrager. His wife, Alice, is a daughter of Bishop Dave and Mattie Bontrager.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Simon Smucker, Goshen R6, was ordained minister in Bishop Perry Nisley's district, May 12. He is a son of Jancy Smuckers of Nappanee. His wife, Martha, is a daughter of Mrs. (Amos) Katie Yoder. With him in the lot were Alvin Miller, Vernon Troyer, Olen F. Yoder, Larry Miller and Calvin Wingard.

Chester Miller, Goshen, was ordained minister in Bishop Milo J. K. Miller's district, May 12. He is a son of Deacon Andy A. Millers. His wife, Treva, is a daughter of Mrs. (Urich) Esther Bontrager. With him in the lot were Walter Lehman, Enos R. Miller, Eli Yutzy, Ray Hershberger and Perry W. Yoder.

Nappanee, Indiana

Emery Yoder, 32, was ordained bishop in Mose Yoder's West District, May 5. He is a son of Bishop Mose Yoder. His wife, Pauline, is a daughter of Linus Gingerichs of Kalona, Iowa. They have three small children.

Mahlon L. Bontrager, 48, Bremen R1, was ordained minister in Bishop Eli Yoder's North District, May 11. He is a son of Levi L. Bontrager of Topeka. His wife, Malinda, is a daughter of the late John A. and Sarah (Miller) Borkholder of Nappanee R2. They have four children, three sons and one daughter, all at home, the oldest one is 20 and the youngest is 11.

Melvin J. Schmucker, 33, Milford R2, was ordained minister in Bishop Jerry Slabaugh's district, May 12. He is a son of Jancy E. and Ella (Troyer) Schmucker. His wife, Erma, is a daughter of Wilma (Yoder) and the late Christ E. Helmuth. They have seven children from six weeks to nine years old.

Levi Plank, 38, was ordained bishop in Mose Yoder's East District, May 12. He is a son of John Henry and Edna (Yoder) Plank. His wife, Druscilla, is a daughter of Menno and Amanda (Borkholder) Kauffman. They have twelve children.

Amherst, Wisconsin

Enos P. Borntreger, 22, Amherst R2, was ordained minister on May 12th. He is a son of Phineas Borntreger. His wife, Katie, is a daughter of Ammon B. Millers. With him in the lot were Emma W. Schmucker, Aaron Beachy, Harvey Stutzman, Daniel C. M. Borntreger, Freddie R. Borntreger, Sammie A. Miller and Ora Mullet.

SIX MEN INJURED IN COLLISION AT MONROE, INDIANA

Six construction workers were injured in a two-vehicle collision at 7:00 a.m., May 8, on the rain slicked Tile Mill road 1½ miles south of Monroe, which resulted in the death of a Monroe child and critically injured the child's mother and sister. The van load of construction workers and the other vehicle collided with a heavy impact. Injured in the van were Ernest V. Eicher, 38, of Geneva R2, a cracked rib cage and bruises, and his son, Ernest A. Eicher, 16, had a front tooth knocked out, lacerations on lower lip and bump on head. Ben A. Coblentz, 43, Geneva R2, flew through the windshield and had 22 stitches, mostly above his eyes, and chest injuries. Amos L. Girod, 19, Berne R2, injuries to the neck, face, ear, etc. Henry H. Schwartz, 41, Geneva R2, three cracked ribs, a small fracture to the wrist, back injuries, a broken left leg and infection in a leg. All were treated at the Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur and are released. Elmer K. Hilty, 33, of Geneva R2, had a vasal skull fracture and broken neck. He was unconscious five days after the accident and still remains a patient at the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. On June 4 he had surgery; they took a hip bone and put it in his neck. He is showing improvement.

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Full M. 6th	Last Q. 14th	New M. 21st	1	2	3	4
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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

Weather in general was cool and rainfall above normal, with a total of 8.3 in. for the month. Highest temperature was 82 on the 22nd and lowest was 29 on the 8th with a white frost doing damage in lower areas. Strawberry harvest started around the 15th with a very good crop; prices only slightly higher than usual. There is still some corn to plant, while early planted is 4 to 6 in. high. Oats look better than the past number of years, also other grains. Barley is ready to binder. First cutting alfalfa was heavy but had very poor drying weather—not much weevil damage locally, nor army worms.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

May came in dry but soon changed, had one inch the 3rd and an occasional rain throughout the month, amounting to 4½ inches. On Sunday, the 12th, we got 1½ in. rain in a short time with a strong wind storm around 3:30 p.m. The first half of May was rather cool. The 16th and 17th were very warm and humid with 90 degree temperature. We had several thunderstorms the latter part of May. Quite a bit of hay is cut and wet and got wet again June 1st and 2nd with two inches rain. Some barley is on shock.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 4.8 inches.

Market Report: Fat Steers, $34 to $42 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle, $35 to $50 Cwt.; Veal, $50 to 79.50 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $26 to $30 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, 50¢ lb.; Spring Lambs, 90¢ lb.; Dairy Cows at New Holland, $460 to $1075; Leghorn Fowl, 4 to 12¢ lb., heavy, 12 to 28¢ lb.; Pullets, 42¢ lb.; Rabbits, 80 to 85¢ lb.; Ear Corn, $78 Ton, 2.85 bu.; Wheat, 4.00 bu.; Barley, 2.15 bu.; Oats, 1.60 bu.; Hay, $34 to $96 Ton; Straw, $40 to $50 Ton; Potatoes, $12 to $14 Cwt.; Eggs, large, 45¢ doz.

by Ammon F. Fisher

May started in on the cool side. The 5th we had a heavy frost with temperature at 28 degrees; the 8th had frost again at 27 degrees; the 12th, heavy rains and wind; the 16th, temperature was in the 90's. The last half of the month we had nice showers. Crops are growing fast and are about one week ahead of last year. Total rainfall was 4.7 inches for May.

by Elam S. Beiler

Early corn is 6 to 8 inches high. There is still some late silo corn being planted. Corn started well except some which had trouble getting through crust after heavy rain a few weeks ago. Some farmers are spraying for a little black bug that crawls through young corn and makes it wilt and die, especially on fields that had been in corn continuously for several years. Some farmers are cultivating. Most of alfalfa is mowed and most of it had some rain latter part of month. Even some mixed fields were mowed as alfalfa weevils are back again this spring; seems like a fairly heavy crop. About 40% of tobacco is planted; had very good weather to transplant latter part of month and plants started well. Plants are plentiful. Acreage is dropping as more people are turning to tomatoes and potatoes for cash crops, also some pickles in the southern end of the county. Others are putting out more corn and hay as prices go up. Wheat is in heads, not blooming yet, and standing well. Rye was mowed or chopped up for straw earlier this month, then stubble fields were plowed for silo corn. Strawberries are earlier this year and seem plentiful. We are having sugar peas now and pod peas are blooming. Tomatoes were planted in middle of month and started well. To sum it up now, as always, I want to use the words of an elderly deacon from the Belleville area, "We have nothing to complain about and nothing to brag about, but still much to be thankful for."

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens Nissley

Weather for May was beautiful. Coldest was 20 with a heavy frost. It was rather dry the last part of the month, till the 29th we had a good steady rain. Farmers are getting plowing finished; some corn to plant yet. Hay fields look good.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

Corn is coming up and growing nicely as we had mostly warm weather through May. Ground was a little on the dry side most of the month, although we had 4.5 inches of rain. Farmers were trying to make hay the last week, but didn't have very much drying weather. Barley and wheat seem to be a little farther advanced than usual for the time of year, also clover fields are in bloom already.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The first half of April was cool and wet; the last part windy and dry. The high was 89 on April 29. Early gardens look nice. Some women have beans and sweet corn up. Spring flowers were very pretty. Fruit trees are blooming. Farmers were plowing and hauling manure.

The beginning of May was cool with frost several mornings. The coldest was on the eighth with a heavy frost and temperature at 28. Adams Co. fruit growers report a loss of 25% to 30% of some fruit. We had lots of showers through May, with storm and 2½ inches rain on May 12. Barley is turning yellow. Clover is in full bloom and timothy heads are coming. Wheat was in blooming stage and some spring oats is making heads. Grain and hay fields look nice. Barley, clover, and alfalfa are going down in spots. Some alfalfa was mowed the last week in May, but there was no hay-making weather. Corn fields look nice, too. There are still some farmers that have plowing to do and corn to plant. Strawberries are ripe, and some early gardeners have peas. Meadowview School closed May 17, Fairview School on May 20.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

May turned out to be on the wet side. Plenty of moisture to keep ground in good working shape, and keep farmers out of fields a day or two now and then. Corn went into the ground in good time. Small grain looks good. Quite afew people have mowed alfalfa the last few weeks, starting a little early due to weevil damage. Hay looks to be a good crop.

Snyder County, Pa., by Sam Troyer

May was cool, some frost in the forepart. The eighth was the coldest, 26 on the hills, colder in the low places. Looks like we might get peaches, apples, pears, and apricots. The fruit bloomed heavily this spring, but the cherries aren't much. Crops look nice, hay may be a little short. We had around four inches of rain. Garden things are doing very well.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

April came in with snow on the ground in this valley, but most of it melted in the first few days. We had a lot of nice weather for farming throughout the month. The last week it really warmed up with temperature in the 80's through the day. Oats is sowed and plowing well under way.

We had unusually cold weather the first week in May, with a hard frost on the fifth. A lot of corn was planted with extra coats and gloves on. Most of the corn was planted in good time this year with the ground working extra nice. Some alfalfa was being mowed at the end of the month and wheat was starting to head. The alfalfa weevil seems to be worse than in recent years, but not as serious here as in some places. The gypsy moth is doing a lot of damage, especially in the mountains. They were spraying the mountains with two airplanes for several days. Some from here have planted several acres of tomatoes for a cannery in Milton. This is a new field crop for this section. We had good rains so far this season.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

May started in a little cool, the second week was real warm again. Highest temperature was in the nineties. The lowest here was 28, but in low places and along the creek it was as low as 23, hard frost in some places. Rainfall for the month was 3.9", a little dry again the last week. On the last day of the month we had another inch of rain, makes garden things and corn fields look very nice. On May 12 we had a hard rain and some wind, about an inch in an hour. Corn is planted, some hay cut and put away. Some farmers have put out tomatoes for the cannery. Hog and beef prices are coming down, feed has made a slight drop.

Snyder County, (McClure), Pa., by Katie Speicher

The beginning of May was cool with some rain. Weather started to warm up May 14, then was warm and close until the 21st. The last part of the month was cool and rainy. Corn is coming up nicely. Some corn has been cultivated. Greenhouse tomatoes are starting to ripen, but are later than usual due to the price of oil.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

We had some welcome rains in May; it was getting dry by the end of April. Temperatures were mostly in the sixties. May 8 was our last hard frost. The last week in May was cool. Corn looks nice, peas are blooming. There was much more field work done this May than last year in May.

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for May was about average, with 13 nice days, some cool and some warm, and 18 cloudy or partly cloudy and rainy days. We had about 5.5" of rain. The last week was wet and rainy. Most of the corn is in the ground, except where fields were wet. Gardens are mostly planted except for tomatoes and peppers. Lettuce, onions, radishes, and asparagus are on the menu.

Indiana County, Pa., by John W. Miller

The weather for May has been ideal planting and growing weather, with just the right amount of moisture. We had frosts on May 23 and 27, but not much damage. Beef and hog prices are declining, milk price is also on a downward trend. Ear corn is $1.35 bu., oats $1.80 bu. from local farms.

Lawrence County, Pa., by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

May was cool with a few frosts in the forepart. Strawberries and fruit are not frozen, and appear to be bountiful. Some corn had to be replanted. Garden seeds are scarce and high priced. Sugar is up to $8.01 for 25 lb. at some places. Eggs have dropped to 25¢ and 35¢ at sales, but are higher in stores. Amish Parochial schools closed May 16 and 21.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

The first part of May was cool and damp with some frost, also a little snow the morning of the 7th. On May 11 and 12, it rained 3 inches. A light frost the 27th and 28th, no damage noticed. Lots of corn planted. Hay and winter crops look good.

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

The weather was mostly cool in May, with occasional rains; no hard frost. Most of the corn and oats is planted. Fruit trees are blooming heavily and didn't freeze.

Conewango Valley, N.Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

We had a wet and cool May, with some very warm days, too. It was hard to get crops in, between showers and wet fields. Garden things are growing but the ground still feels cool. Eggs are down in price, 50¢ a doz. for extra large, but feed is still high. Mash is $7.00 a hundred. Hogs have taken a drop, too. Milk at the cheese factory was $7.01 per cwt. for 3.5 test.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

May was a cool month with about average amount of rain, but some frosts. On May 7 we had a very hard frost. Our grapes had just started to bud, and they were all frozen back; however, they are growing out again. Most of the corn is planted and is a very good stand. The oats is very nice, too, but some of the garden things had to be replanted. On the 28th, we had 1½" of rain. There will be some apples, but no pears. Some farmers started to make hay already.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

The first part of May was quite cool. May 7 we had a hard frost, doing harm to the strawberries and peach trees. The last part of the month was sunny and warm, with nice showers now and then. Most of the corn is planted; some have started on the hay. Beef cows are still down in price, also hogs. Eggs are down to 30¢ and 40¢ a doz.

Ashtabula County, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

May was a very pleasant spring month. We had a few light frosts, but no garden damage. Corn is about all planted and ready to start on the hay. Eggs came down a bit in April. Food prices are still going up. Meat is a little cheaper.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The weather for May has been colder than usual, with several frosts, some quite heavy. We have had plenty of moisture. Crops are a little on behind, especially corn and gardens. Hay is making good growth. Horses are high in price, but cows have dropped some, and so have hogs and eggs.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary Yoder

The first part of May was cool and wet. The ground was white with snow in the morning of May 7 but was soon all gone again. Most of the early garden is planted, and some corn.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

Quite a bit of rain for the month of May. Temperature ranged from 36 to 90. Wonderful growing weather. Wheat is heading out. Corn is coming up fast, while some ensilage is to be planted yet. Oats looks promising. Strawberries are heavily loaded while a few have ripened. Early potatoes are growing fast, as well as other garden vegetables.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

May has been a very pleasant month. Weather was very favorable to plant corn, with occasional rains to make the ground real nice. The last week was very sultry. Corn has a good start. Prospects are for good hay and wheat crops. Farmers are starting to put up hay. Some are putting grass in the silo. Farm markets are shifting lower.

Eastern Holmes County, by Raymond S. Weaver

Lots of cool weather during May, plenty of moisture. However, farmers got their corn planted in good time. We had very favorable weather this spring. We have plenty of pasture.

Southeastern Holmes, by John L. Yoder

We had a pleasant May, some warm, also cool days occasional rains, but no floods. Corn is all planted, some up nice. Some hay mowed, but very little put up. Pastures are a lush green, oats, wheat, and hay look a promising crop.

Western Holmes County, by Monroe A. Weaver

We had about normal weather in May, a little on the cool side, with ample moisture but not excess. We had a hard frost and 27 degrees on May 6; some areas were protected by fog. It froze early strawberry blossoms, grape growth, and some peaches. All the crops look very good. Most of the corn was planted in the forepart of the month. Hay is very heavy and about ready to cut, but we haven't had any drying weather yet. Cattle and hog prices have tumbled and stumbled quite a bit, and grain prices are still high. Nobody is much interested in buying feeder pigs and cattle. It might be a good time to buy. Perhaps by fall these livestock and feed prices will be just turned around. Dairy heifers and cows are a different story, due to high milk and cheese prices. Cheese is up to $1.79 a pound in stores.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

The weather for May has been fairly nice, although we did have some cooler weather the forepart of the month. We had a little snow on the sixth and a hard frost down to 30 on the morning of the seventh. It froze some of the early planted things such as sweet corn, beans, etc. Crops look exceptionally good. Peas are in full bloom. Peach trees have a few on this year.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

May started in with extra nice weather; farmers were real busy. On the seventh it started raining, and it has been cool and wet since, until the 30th farmers were back in the fields. On May 7 we had a hard frost that got a lot of fruit blossoms.

Mio, Mich., by Melvin Gingerich

The first half of May was unseasonably cool and also wet. The last half was warmer and is getting dry. Crops are in need of rain. Corn is coming up, but also some to be planted yet. Hay is coming along good. Milk and beef prices seem to be declining the last four to six weeks.

Bronson, Mich., by Ora A. Graber

The second week of May was warm and humid with plenty rain and excellent growing weather, Otherwise the month was cool with some frosts. The last week of May was cold and dry. Corn looks quite yellow with some poor stands. Oats and hay look good so far. Inflation is being felt by most farmers.

Centreville, Mich, by Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder

The first week of May we had rain and cold, then more rain about the middle of the month. Some sunshiny days with temperature 35 and 37, light frosts. Most of the corn is planted.

Allen County, Ind., by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had a hard frost May 7, down to 28, which hurt the first strawberry blossoms. Cherry trees were full of blossoms, but only a few cherries are on the trees. Most of the corn is planted and are starting to mow hay. Egg and hog prices took quite a dip. We also had a lot of rain.

Ashley, Ind, by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

May was wet and cool. We had frost on the 7th and 8th, temperature 28, thick ice on the water. The last week we had two warm days with temperature in the eighties. Some corn is planted. The corn that is up looks yellow. Garden vegetables are not growing fast. Strawberries are in full bloom.

Kokomo, Ind., by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

With rain and more rain, wet describes the month of May. Hardly any field work was done until the end of the month. What little corn was planted the latter part of April will partly have to be planted over. We had several frosts the forepart of the month, the hardest on the 7th with temperature at 30. What strawberries weren't covered were damaged a bit. Others look nice and will soon ripen. Hogs are a bit below 30¢.

LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash

We have had nice spring weather, on the cool side however. Things are growing nicely, but a week or so late. The first part of May was nice. May 6 we had a light frost, the eighth was a rainy day. We had heavy showers on May 11 and 22. People all seem very busy. Strawberries look very nice. Radishes are nice and delicious. Hay looks fine and wheat is heading some.

Elkhart County, Ind., by Sam K. Stoltzfus

May 1 was like summer, but the rest of the week was rainy and cool. Several frosts that the centers of some strawberries are black. May 5-11 we had showers every day. 15th sunny and warm. Showers the next three days. 21st was very warm, 85 in the shade. then rain that eve and the next day. Latter part of the week was like summer again. 28th, 29th damp. Corn is being planted, some up already, hay starting to bloom.

Nappanee, Ind., by Joni D. Gingerich

The weather for May was damp and cool. Farming was at a standstill from the 7th to the 25th on account of the ground being too wet to work. We had 4½ " of in that time. Some corn was planted early, and a lot was planted in the last week. There is still some plowing and planting to do. Wheat and oats look good so far. Hay has made good growth and pastures are lush. Fruit was hurt to some extent by a hard frost on May 5, and it looks as though strawberries will be at least ¼ short of a normal crop. Lots of garden things were planted the last week in May due to the wet spell we had. We had only four days of all day sunshine in May, twelve days of no sunshine, and fifteen days partly sunny. The highest was 86 on the 21st, and the lowest was 33 on the 5th. Early planted corn and vegetables look good.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Mrs. Alvin Burkholder

Very cold and wet describes the month of May for this locality. Usually one day of sunshine meant several days of cloudiness and rain. Tuesday, the 21st, was the warmest with temperature up in the 80's. The month left us with temperature cold enough that one must wear a coat to work outdoors. Crops are late this year; not all corn and soybeans are planted. Early garden things look nice with radishes and lettuce on the menu. Corn, green beans, etc. aren't growing much because of cool weather. However this is good grass growing weather so some lawns must be mowed twice a week.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

May was wetter and cooler than normal. Gardens and corn fields look very nice. Figures are: High, 86 on the 21st; Low 27 on the 7th; mean temperature, 58.5 degrees; Rainfall, 5.39 inches; Snow, none. There were 11 clear days, 14 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy, and 12 rainy days; 5 thunderstorms occurred.

Milroy, Ind., by John R. Yutzy

The last part of May brought us lots of rain for a total of 10¼ inches. We had 4 in. of hard driving rain on the 17th, approximately 3 in. in 20 minutes. The rest of the rainfall was mostly from then on, with not many nice days for field work. The beginning of May was nice for planting. Probably 80% of the corn is planted, but only a few soybeans. Less than half a crop of strawberries this year. Some have started to cut hay, which looks like a heavy crop. Some corn that was planted the end of April is 6 to 8 inches tall with a few spots drowned out from too much rain.

Daviess County, Ind., by Lester Mamer

April was wet, but most plowing did get done between showers. May brought lots of rain with 2½ to 3 inches the 29th and 30th. Most farmers are finished planting. Hay is ready to be made. Strawberries are rotting due to so much rainfall. Milk has dropped $1. per cwt. in a month. Feeder pigs are down to $21., fat hogs $26 25, eggs 32¢ a doz. Corn is $2.65. We have had an unusual amount of storm winds, although damage has been minor in our area.

Arthur, Ill., by Menno A. Diener

The first part of May was damp. Not much corn was planted on account of wet weather. The 17th was really wet and rained hard in spots. Around Sullivan there was some water in the fields, but at the Dan Miller collar shop, rains were so heavy that he had 4" of water in the shop. The night of the 24th we had another 2½", so there were many ponds in fields. South of Sullivan the rains were heavy. Some of the streets were under water. The Decatur paper stated that some of their streets were under water, basements flooded, and in some houses water was on the first floor. The damage was greater than the April 3 tornado. May 29 we had 1¼ in. and the 30th another inch. We had 7 inches the last half of the month.

Guthrie, Ky., by Jesse D. Peachey

Rainfall for May has been sufficient with crops growing nicely. Neighboring counties had up to 7½ " of rain on the 22nd, resulting in flooded lowlands. Farmers are busy combining barley, planting beans, and cultivating corn. Wheat is turning color fast. Strawberries and peas were a good crop. Army worms were a nuisance this year, with most people having to spray their small grain, also some corn, especially no-till. They chew off the leaves and heads, leaving a bare stalk and the heads on the ground. There were four planes flying for several days.

Trenton, Ky., by Willis J. Hostetler

Weather for May was mostly sunny and warm with occasional showers. Real nice growing weather. Corn looks good, alot of beans are planted. Wheat is changing color, and barley is being combined.

Holladay, Tenn., by Mrs. Joseph Coblentz

May has been wet and cool, except for the week of the 12th. We had a week of exceptionally warm with temperatures near 100 for several days. Then we had a few days of rain, and since it has been quite cool. Field work is still not finished because of too wet. Hay would be ready to cut. One farmer did cut his, but lost the crop on account of the rain. Wheat is changing colors and ripening. What crops are in the ground are not suffering from too much rain, but it is too wet to get in to plant more. Garden things are ready to eat. Strawberries and peas are ready and being put up. Those who have peas to sell can get 35¢ a lb. which would make them around $10. a bu. in selling to grocery stores. Farmer's price for sorghum molasses will be 40¢ a lb. this fall, according to our buyer.

Reno County, Kans., by E. E. Schrock

Strawberry crop was not so good this spring due to weather conditions. Peas are doing good. Lots of alfalfa hay is being cut between showers this latter part of May. All through May we had much moisture, cool nights, some hail, lots of rain, also strong winds which did some damage to homes in the neighborhood.

Reno County (Partridge), Kans., by Edward Mast

May has been a wet month with most of the rains coming in hard showers. A lot of water ran down the rivers. On the 13th we had a lot of rain and hail, damaging some garden things. Barley is up to 75% loss, also some wheat. Corn and some garden things are growing out nice again. First cutting hay was a little short due to alfalfa weevils. Pasture grasses are very good. Wheat prices are down to $3, down $2.50.

Seymour, Mo., by Mrs. Paul Wagler

Weather for May has been cool and wet. Since the middle of March we've had 20 in. of rain, makes a big crop of hay. Men are making hay as weather permits; not much hay weather so far. Gardens are doing good and strawberries are about past. We had a fair crop of berries. Sun is shining this morning with a cool northeast wind.

Seymour, Mo., by Menno D. Schwartz

This has been a wet spring. It doesn't do as much damage through here as the land is rolling. It is very good grass area, with orchard grass and fescue being the main grass. Lots and lots of hay this year. Fescue is mainly for fat cattle. The oats had a good chance, but for some reason has lots of brown leaves, not rust.

Jamesport, Mo., by Amos W. Yoder

We are having plenty of moisture since May 11. Corn was mostly planted before the rains started. Some fields look green between rows, and ground is too wet to cultivate. There are some beans to plant yet. Strawberry picking is in season, with quite a few berries partly rotted.

Fortuna, Mo., by Menno C. Miller

May had very nice weather. We had enough moisture to make good growth, yet we weren't kept from the fields very long at a time. Oats is headed out, early planted corn is knee high, and a lot of hay put up. Due to the humidity a lot of hay got some rain. Meat prices took an unusual downward trend. Hogs $25.25, fat cattle $36.00, feeder pigs $32.00, fat cows $30. Producing eggs is a losing proposition. Milk dropped to $6.20 for 3.5 test. Land prices are up to $650.00 per acre.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

This is a very busy time of the year for farmers. Making hay is perhaps the biggest task a farmer has in this area. Some barley is on shock and wheat should soon be ready to cut. Oats has fully headed out. Hogs and cattle are still down; milk dropped to $6.10 for 3.5 milk. We had a fair amount of rain which really made pasture and second crop hay grow. It wasn't as warm as usual for this time of year. Strawberries weren't a very good crop due to the late freeze after they had started to bloom.

Pike County, Mo., by George Yoder

May was rainy, cool, and cloudy, with a few nice warm days mixed in. Good weather for wheat, oats, hay, and pasture. Some corn has been planted, but still a lot of plowing to do.

Anabel, Mo., by Mrs. Abe Y. Bontrager

Our rather dry spell was ended by May bringing us 6½" of rain, often raining a nice shower every other day and the last week almost every day. We also had hail at different times, along with lots of thunder and lightning. Very little field work was done during this time. Corn is mostly up that is planted, but looks rather sick and yellow from being too wet and weeds getting a head start. Our high temperature was 95 on May 16, the low 45.

Audrain County, Mo., by Samuel D. Beachy

Rainfall during May was almost 13 inches; five inches on May 14-17 and five inches on May 29-30. Very little farming done since the 14th. Many acres of planting to do yet. Many that have planted report that they will have to replant. Wheat, oats, and hay look good. Oats are starting to head out. Many gardens have been doing good, but now suffering wet with weeds and grass willing to grow. Strawberries are about half over with a fair crop. Milk price dropped another 80¢

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

May has been mostly wet and cool, except for a few days when it was in the 80's. We have had lots of rain nearly all spring, and has been too wet to work in the fields most of the time. Oats are coming, though, and most of the corn has been planted.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

May was cool and wet with about six inches of rain, most of it around the middle of the month. For two weeks not much field work was done. Most of the corn is in the ground, but still some beans to plant, A few new barns are going up. The highest temperature for the month was 81 degrees on the 29th.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

May started in dry, but had a wet ending. No field work done since the 16th. Quite a bit of corn planted, but looks like some replanting is necessary. Still quite a bit to plant. Hay looks good towards what it did. Some weevil damage in the alfalfa. Grain market is steady. Feeder pigs down to $15 to $20.

Medford, Wisc., by John Schmucker, Jr.

We had several good rains, but mostly fair weather throughout the month of May. Strawberries and apple trees are blooming. People are busy getting corn and gardens planted.

Wilton, Wisc., by Jacob D. Hochstetler

May was cool with several frosts. We had some cloudy and rainy days, but not excessive moisture. Some oats was sown in the first part of May, most of the corn is planted. Corn was slow in coming up due to the cool weather. Hay looks nice, but there is a lot of yellow rocket in it. Milk has really come down in the last four weeks, 3.5 test is $7.35. Feed prices are still high. Fencing is high if available. Most plants are out of fertilizer, no sacked fertilizer is available.

Vernon County, Wisc., by Amos U. Gingerich

The first part of May was nice. Some people made gardens, and a lot of oats was put in. Some corn was planted, but would have been better off in the sack as the last part of May was wet and cool.

Amherst, Wisc., by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

The weather in May was mostly cool, with frost in the forepart of the month. We had nice rains now and then. The last two weeks were warmer, giving oats, hay, and early gardens a good start. Most people are done planting corn; the first planting is coming up. The air is filled with the sweet fragrance of lilacs. Other early flowers are also in bloom.

New Glarus, Wisc., by Mrs. Harry Miller

Lots of rain and foggy weather for May. Not all the corn is in yet, but oats is coming nice. Only a few have early gardens things to eat. Fruit trees were just loaded with blossoms, lots of lilacs, too.

Blair, Wisc., by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Weather in May was mostly cool, damp, and rainy. We had some sunny days. A lot of corn has been planted, while others are busy planting yet. Oat fields are coming good. Alfalfa fields look nice. Gardens are not growing very fast due to the cool, wet weather. Cut worms are plentiful.

Wadena, Minn., by William M. Schrock

May had a lot of nice weather. Lots of seeds went in the ground. Some oats and corn to be planted yet, but some corn is up nice. We had just the right amount of rain for our field work. The last part of May was wet enough that it stopped field work for a few days. Trees have leaves, grass is nice and green. People have turned stock in pastures. Gardens are being planted and growing nicely.

NOTE! Marriages for month of May will be published next month.

Mt. Elgin, Ont., by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

May has been a very wet and cold month. Fire was needed in the stoves much of the time. Those that sowed oats the first part of May and last of April are now sowing a lot over as it drowned out. Some are planting corn, while others are done already and wishing for rain. We have had very little rain since May 20, but some cloudy and cool days. On two days the temperature was up to 80. The last week has been mostly in the sixties. Strawberries are blooming. We had a light frost May 27, but no harm done. Early gardens look nice for those that could get them in.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

May came in wet and cool with snow flurries around the 5th and 6th. Weather warmed up the week of the 13th, then on the 16th we had thunder showers with heavy rain. Two dams not far from here burst and flooded the Maitland River to about twice the usual depth. Very little seeding was done until after May 20, when it warmed up to the 80's. On the 27th we had a light frost. Still some corn is to be planted.

Tavistock, Ont., by Emanuel Peachey

The first part of May was more or less cool, yet many nice clear days. The week of the 12th it was wet and rainy. We had enough heavy rains that water stood in the fields almost everywhere, The latter part of the month had enough suitable weather that most of the crops are in the ground now. At present it is cool again.

Grey County, Ont., by Noah Stutzman

May 6 it snowed all day but melted as it came. On the 7-8 we had heavy frost, then turned wet. Field work is at a standstill as the last part of May had lots of rain. We are having a slow backward spring. Seeding is a slow procedure. A virus is among horses this spring, called strangles. It is contagious and is similar to flu in people. They will have sore throat, high fever, and may go off feed for a day or two. Some have been off from work 10 days to two weeks. Still lots of corn to plant and oats to sow.

St. Mary's, Ont., by Amanda Yoder

May was cool and rainy the first week. We had real nice sunny days, but more rain than usual. Farmers were late getting their crops in.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

Spring seeding was well started when we received five inches of rain during the forepart of May. This was followed by cool, cloudy and at times drizzly weather which kept farmers out of the fields until the 20th to 22nd when field work started again. By the end of the month the oats and most of the corn was planted. Some of the early oats was drowned and had to be resowed. Early corn is up. Pigs, beef and dairy cattle are still down and feed is way up.

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The Hour Glass

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

by Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

CORRECTION! The first sentence of the first paragraph last month should read: "The second child of George Petsrsheim was (19) Peter Petersheim (1), born in Europe, exact date not known; he married in Somerset County to Susan Miller, born June 6, 1805, a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Hochstetler) Miller."

The third child of the immigrant George Petersheim and his wife, Christiana Nissley, was (48) Christian Petersheim (1), born in Europe and died in 1831; married in this country to Anna Stoltzfus, born in 1800 a daughter of Bishop John and Veronica (King) Stoltzfus. Anna died in 1870. There appeared in the HEROLD DER WAHRHEIT in 1870 an obituary which may be interesting to some of the readers, as follows:

> Am 18. August, in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County., Pa., Wittwe Anna Petersheim, im Alter von 70 Jahren, 8 Monaten und 21 Tagen. Die Verstorvene war eine geborne Stolzfusz, lebte im Wittwenstand ungefahr 39 Jahren und war eine getreue und beliebte Mitschwester der Amischen Mennoniten Gemeinde. Ihre sterbliche Ueberreste wurden am 21. der Muttererde ubergeben, bei welcher Gelegenheit sich eine grosze Menge von Freunden und Verwandten versammelt hatten. Leichenreden wurden gehalten von David Stoltzfusz und Christian Ummel uber Ofgenb. 14, 12, 13. Die Liebe Schwester hatte in ihren Siegetage noch ziemlich zu leiden, aber sie hat alles mit christlicher Geduld uberwunden.
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> Voruber sind die schweren Tage,
> Voruber manche lange Nacht,
> Die du geduldig ohne Klage,
> Voll Sehnsucht nach der Ruh verbracht.
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> Dein Seufzen hat der Herr vernommen,
> So lang er dich auch warten liesz;
> Zuletzt liesz er noch Hulfe kommen,
> Und nahm dich in das Paradies.
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> Nun schlug die langst ersehnte Stunde,
> Dein Heiland rief dir freundlich zu:
> Auch du gehorst zum Gnadenbunde—
> Es ist genug, geh ein zur Ruh.'

They lived on the farm now owned by Pre. Henry Esh at Mascot in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; he being a great-grandson of Christian Petersheim.

To the Christian Petersheim of family (48) were born five children, namely: (50) John Petersheim (48), born July 24, 1823, died Sept. 12, 1893, married to Catharine Unsechar or some places it is spelled Hunsicker. They resided on the home farm at Mascot and had two children, (51) Nancy Petersheim (50), born Jan. 9, 1851, died 1903, was married to David King. There are numerous descendants of the King family on the ministers list in Lancaster County at the present time including Bishop Amos E. King and two of his sons. The other child was (52) Christian Petersheim (50), born Feb. 13, 1854, died Nov. 4, 1929 at the home farm; he married to Sarah Diener, born Dec. 11, 1850, a daughter of Andrew and Catharine (King) Diener. To this union were born nine children some of whom were married and have offspring, mostly living in Lancaster County.

Another child of (48) Christian and Anna (Stoltzfus) Petersheim (1) is (53) Samuel Petersheim (48), born March 26, 1828, died in 1915, was married to Barbara Lapp a daughter of Deacon Michael and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Lapp. To them were born six children of which two died young; of those which were married were (54) Nancy Petersheim (53), married to Samuel K. Stoltzfus; one of their great-grandchildren is Sam K. Stoltzfus, a reporter to THE DIARY, living in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Next is (55) Barbara Petersheim (53), married to David Stoltzfus who was better known as "Bald Dave." They had one daughter, Lizzie, who was married to Henry Stoltzfus, who at present is living in the Beuna Vista area.

Next is (56) Samuel Petersheim (53), born in 1861, married to Lydia Lapp. To them were born six children; two sons and three daughters married and lived to adulthood; the sons were (57) Amos Petersheim (56), who died in Strasburg several years ago leaving a widow and one surviving daughter, Leah married to John A. Fisher also of Strasburg. Another son of (56) Samuel and Lydia Petersheim (53) was (58) Christian Petersheim (56), born in 1891, married to Annie Stoltzfus. To them were born several children: (59) David (58), married to Lydia Stoltzfus; (60) Lydia (58), married to B. John Stoltzfus; their son, David Stoltzfus, is a minister in a Lower Pequea District; (61) Daniel (58) of Bird-in-Hand; (62) Levi (58) of Gordonville; and (63) Christian Petersheim (58), married to Ada A. Keim daughter of Aden Keim who are living in Holmes County, Ohio.

The other son of (53) Samuel and Barbara (Lapp) Petersheim is (64) Christian Petersheim (53), married to Lydia Fisher. They lived on the farm one mile north of the Kauffman Fruit Farm where their grandson, Mose Petersheim, now lives. There is a large offspring of this family; to mention a few are (65) Rebecca Petersheim (64), married to Christian Beiler; their son-in-law, John S. Stoltzfus, and their son, Joseph F. Beiler, are in the ministry at the present time. (66) Fannie Petersheim (64) was married to John A. Kauffman; several of their children are in the ministry, including (67) Samuel Kauffman (66) of Franklin Co., Pa.; (68) Lydia Kauffman (66), married to Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus of Centre Co., Pa.; (69) Rebecca Kauffman (66), married to Dea. Jacob Esh of Sugar Valley, Clinton Co., Pa.; (70) Deacon Levi Kauffman (66), and (71) Bishop Elam Kauffman (66), both of the Honey Brook area. There were four sons of (64) Christian and Lydia (Fisher) Petersheim, namely: (72) Samuel Petersheim (64), married to Betsy Stoltzfus, who died at the age of 27; (73) Daniel Petersheim (64), married to Mary Fisher; he died at the age of 44; she married second to Jacob E. Stoltzfus; (74) Jacob Petersheim (64), married to Sallie Stoltzfus; he died at the age of 42; she married second to Solomon Wagler from Canada; and (75) Christian Petersheim (64), married to Priscilla Riehl; they lived on the home farm.

The third child of Christian and Anna (Stoltzfus) Petersheim (1) is (76) Abraham Petersheim (48), born Feb. 6, 1831, died Oct. 19, 1895, married to Leah Lapp, daughter of Deacon Michael and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Lapp. To them were born three children: (77) Nancy Petersheim (76), married to Isaac C. Lapp, son of John S. and Catharine (King) Lapp, they had two children, none of which grew to adulthood, and lived in the Millwood section of the Lower Pequea; (78) Barbara Petersheim (76), married to John Z. Stoltzfus, son of Bishop Henry and Leah (Zook) Stoltzfus, they lived in the Gap area and had one surviving daughter; namely, (79) Sarah Stoltzfus (78), married to Gideon Diener, they had a family of thirteen children, two of their sons, Isaac and Daniel Diener and four sons-in-law, Emanuel Zook, Christian Lapp, Samuel Lapp and John K. Stoltzfus serve on the ministers' bench at the present time.

The third child of (76) Abraham Petersheim (48) is (80) Sarah Petersheim (76), born 1875, died 1946, married to Solomon J. Stoltzfus, a son of David and Sarah (Peachey) Stoltzfus; they had a large family, residing mostly in the Gap R1 area. Christian J. Stoltzfus of Centre Co., Pa., a reporter of the migration list to THE DIARY is a grandson of the above mentioned family.

Another child of Christian and Anna (Stoltzfus) Petersheim is (81) Leah Petersheim (48), married to David Smucker, son of David and Mary (Lapp) Smucker. They had a large family; to mention a few is the oldest, (82) Christian Smucker (81), married to Lydia Riehl, they had one daughter, Barbara, married to Dave Stoltzfus (Garver); (83) Eli Smucker (81), born 1856, married to Mary Blank, one of their sons, Eli Smucker, now deceased, was a deacon and two of his sons, Jacob and Abner Smucker, and three of his sons-in-law, David F. King, Stevie S. Esh and Daniel Diener, mentioned above, serve on the ministers' bench at the present time.

There was one more child of Christian and Anna (Stoltzfus) Petersheim which was (84) Christian Petersheim (48), born 1827 who was a cripple and died single at the age of 65 years.

The fourth child of George and Christiana (Nisley) Petersheim was (85) John Petersheim (1), born about 1800 in Europe, came to this country with his parents and married first to Maria Hochstetler, born February 1800, a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Renno) Hochstetler; she died with twins at childbirth. We should mention a few lines of the Hochstetler family here. Henry Hochstetler was a son of Joseph and Anna (Blank) Hochstetler. Joseph was a son of Jacob Hochstetler who was taken captive by the Indians in Upper Bern Township, Berks County in 1757. Henry Hochstetler, mentioned above, died a young man in Berks County; his widow, Nancy (Renno) Hochstetler, then married her second husband, Johannes King, son of the emigrant Samuel King, and moved south with their family into Lancaster County on the farm now owned and occupied by Jacob Swarey south of Ronks along Route 30, in about 1805. There was one child from the second marriage, Catharine King, married to George Beiler. There were seven children born to Henry and Nancy (Renno) Hochstetler, namely, (1) Elizabeth Hochstetler, married to Jacob Zook, Dunkard faith; (2) Anna Hochstetler, born Feb. 4, 1795, died single Feb. 2, 1875, she is buried in the Ronks Cemetery; (3) Magdalena Hochstetler, married to Solomon Kauffman, they moved to Conemaugh Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.; (4) John Hochstetler, married to Susan Crimmel; (5) Maria Hochstetler, married to John Petersheim, mentioned above; (6) Joseph Hochstetler, married to Catharine Foltz, an Amish name in Mifflin County, but it appears that they were Lutherans; (7) Henry Hochstetler, born June 3, 1803, married to Hetty Thomas, it is believed they were of the Amish faith. They had no surviving children, and are both buried in the Ronks Cemetery. They lived on and owned the farm one mile west of Intercourse along Route 340 where Elam B. Zook now lives, known as the Hertzler farm.

John Petersheim married his second wife, Elizabeth Stoltzfus, born Nov. 9, 1802, died Nov. 9, 1883. It appears they may have started housekeeping at Gordonville on the farm now owned by Levi L. Fisher, known as the Earl Wiker farm, bought at Sheriff sale from Thomas and Frances McCasland. In 1828 they sold to Henry Kreider and moved to the Groffdale section; here they lived for several years till they purchased the farm at Millwood which was later known as the Samuel Smoker farm. Here they resided till he died in 1858 at the age of 58 years less 4 days; his wife, Elizabeth, died Jan. 9, 1885.

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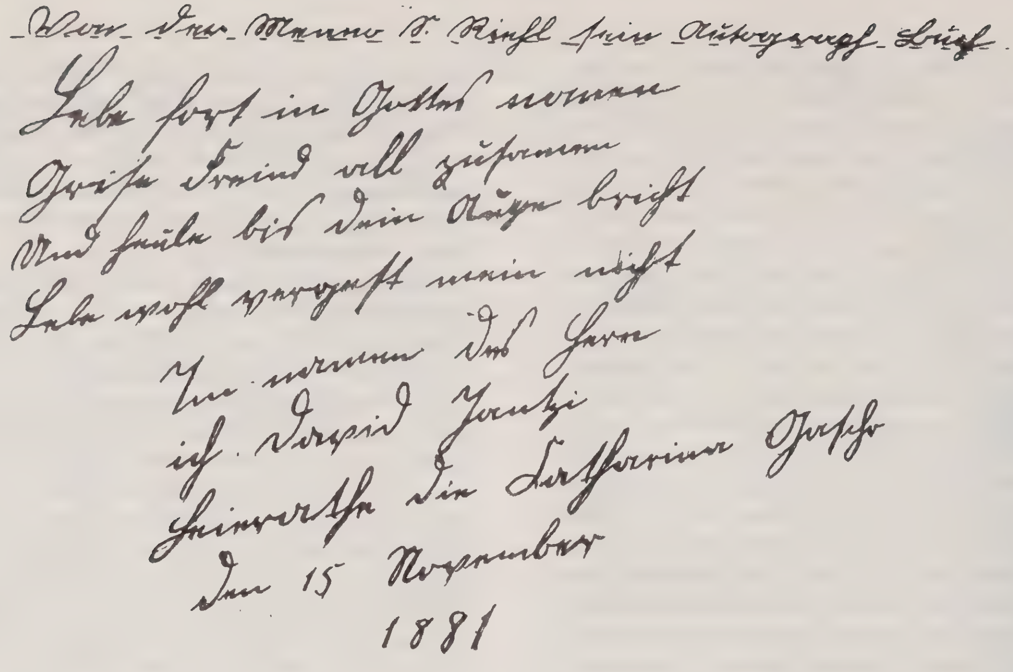

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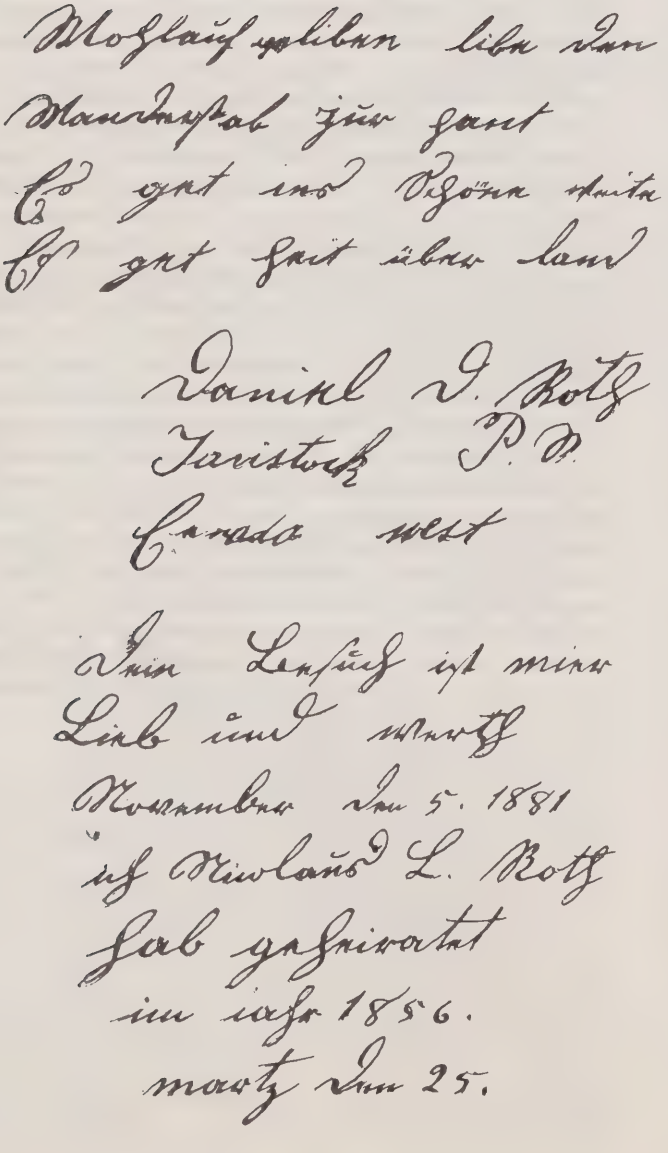

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their work is never done:
By word, by look, they make the Saviour real.
Though toil be gone,
Old hands that tremble still can hold
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Old feet, that totter, tap the tunes of
GRACE;
Old hearts that love Him can reflect His face.
Helen Frazee-Bower

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

AMISH FAMILY NAMES IN EUROPE

Joseph Stoll

Continued from last month

19) **ERISMANN** – Christian Erismann was a minister of the Essinger church in 1779

20) **ESCHLIMANN** or **AESCHLIMANN** – This is another name that was found in Fulton County, Ohio when the Mennonite Church there was still Amish. A Peter Ashleman lived in Daviess County, Indiana until 1903, when the family moved away.

21) **FARNY** – This name was common among the Amish in Canada a few generations ago, but today there are none among the Old Order. It appears only a few times in the GEMEINDEBUCH.

22) **FLUBACHER** –

23) **FLUCKIGER** or **FLICKINGER** – This name appears 20 times in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Johanes Flickinger was a minister signing the Essingen ORDNUNGSBRIEF in 1779. His home church was the "Littauer Gemein."

24) **FRÁY** or **FREY** – This name was quite common in Montbeliard. Whether the Amish Freys of today are descended from these is not known, but it is quite possible.

25) **FRÁYBÄRGER** or **FRÁYENBÅRG** –

26) **FRUTIGER** –

27) **GASCHO** – This name does not appear in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Joseph Gascho of Lorraine attended at Essingen in 1779.

28) **GAUWACHI** – This rather strange name occurs only once, and came from the Palatinate.

29) **GASSER** –

30) **GÃUMANN** or **GEUMANN** – As far as we know this name never entered Amish circles on this side of the Atlantic, although Gehman is a common Mennonite name. It was the seventh most numerous name in Montbeliard.

31) **GEISSLER** – Appears one time, from Alsace.

32) **GERIG** – This name evidently entered the Amish church in Alsace and does not trace back to Switzerland. Today there is one family head among the Amish with this name.

33) **GOLDSCHMIDT** – The GEMEINDEBUCH contains the record of the ordination of Heinrich Goldschmidt of Markirch (upper Alsace) to the office of elder (bishop) in 1789. This comment is made, "...hat die Stimmen alle bekommen bis auf 5; hat 123 Stimmen."

34) **GÜNGRICHT** or **GINGRIG** – In 1777 the death of Christian Gungricht, "der atle," is listed in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Perhaps he left no male descendants, as the name appears only this once.

The family seems to have been more numerous in Waldeck, from which region immigrants with the Gingerich name came to America. Christian Gingrig of Waldeck signed the Essingen ORDNUNGSBRIEF, and there was a second Christian Gingerich from the "Munsterer Gemein."

35) **GRABER** – The Graber family was the most prominent and numerous clan among the Montbeliard Amish. For many years members of this family lived at Couthenans and Bethencourt, northwest of the town of Montbeliard.

Members of the Graber family in the ministry were two Hans Grabers as deacons, Peter Graber and Crist Graber as preachers, and a Peter Graber as deacon. In 1791 Christian Graber was ordained preacher to go with the group that was emigrating to Poland.

The immigrant ancestor of the Old Order Amish Grabers today was Daniel Graber, born May 13, 1779 near Montbeliard, the son of Peter Graber of Montprevoir. This Daniel Graber settled first near Louisville in Stark County, Ohio, appearing there in the 1840 census. His descendants are found today in Allen and Daviess Counties, Indiana and in other settlements.

36) **HABLÜTZELL** – This seems to have been a colorful family in Montbeliard, and the record is not good. Old Simon Hablutzell was married three times and fathered 22 children, yet the name passed out of the church within the next generation. Nearly all of his children either joined the Lutherans, or were excommunicated for living in sin.

37) **HILTI** or **HILTY** – Mentioned twice, having their home in Alsace. These may have been the ancestors of the present day Hiltys.

38) **HIRSCHI** –

39) **HOCHSTETLER** – This is another common name in the GEMEINDEBUCH, ranking fifth highest in the number of times mentioned. In the 1793 census, the Peter Hochstetler family of Montbeliard is listed with seven children. It is doubtful that any of these Hochstetlers have descendants among the Amish today, at least not with the Hochstetler name.

Isaac Hochstetler was a minister in the "Frumspberger Gemein" in 1779.

40) **IMHOFF** – Andreas Imhoff was a minister of the "Hoffstetter Gemein."

41) **JODTER** – Today this name is spelled Yoder, but in the GEMEINDEBUCH it appears as Jodter or Iodter. This family was among the first to settle in Montbeliard. The family's record is not exactly a flattering one, as among the 14 marriages (between 1750–1850) in which a Yoder was married, five of the weddings caused trouble in the church.

There was at least one member of the family, however, who was highly-respected. He was Jost Joder, the VOLLIGE-ARMENDIENER, or full deacon. Jost assisted in the ordination of a number of ministers. Upon his death, Hans Rich noted, "Er war ein brafer mann und unser volliger dienner zu denen armen und wahr mir ein guter kamerad."

Isaac Yoder (1835–1921) was born in Europe, and came to America as a young man. His exact birthplace is unknown, but may well have been in Montbeliard. Bishop Peter Yoder, now living in Missouri, is his great-grandson.

42) JOST –

43) KAUFFMANN or KAUFTMANN – A common name wherever there are German-speaking people, Kauffman was found in the Montbeliard area, also, appearing 37 times in the GEMEINDEBUCH. The chances that any of the Amish Kauffmans today are descended from these, is very slight indeed.

A Petter Kauffman wad the lone delegate from the "Münnicher Gemein" at the Amish ministers meeting in 1779.

44) KÄNNEL, VON KÄNNEL, or KENNEL – Mentioned more than forty times in the Montbeliard records, this family today survives among Mennonites but not among the Amish.

Christen Kennel was ordained preacher in 1780, and bishop in 1787.

45) KEISER – Jörg Keiser was a Lutheran who joined the Amish in 1791.

46) KIPFER or KAUPFER – This name appears four times in the GEMEINDEBUCH, and may be the same as the Amish Kuepfers that are so numerous today around Milverton, Ontario.

47) KLOPFENSTEIN or KLOPFISTINDT – This was once a common Amish name. On a fall day in 1777, Peter Klopfenstein was ordained elder and the same day his son Peter was ordained preacher. Thereafter, reference is often made to "Peter Klopfenstein, father and son. . ." There seems to have been some differences of opinion or of faith in this family, from most of the Amish, for fellowship was severed for a time. The group with the Klopfensteins was called the "Klopfi Partidt." Later, however, matters were healed again.

48) KOCHER – The home of this family seems to have been Neuchatel.

49) KOPFT – A family from Neuchatel.

50) KRÄHENBÜHL (Various spellings) – A large Amish family in Europe, the Krähenbühls are not to be found today among the Amish of America. There were immigrants with this name, however. In fact, Daniel Grabill was among the early settlers in Daviess County, Indiana. His wife was a daughter of immigrant Daniel Graber.

51) KROPF –

52) KUNRAD, CONRATH, or CONRAD – Another prominent family in the Amish church of France were the Kunrads. Martin Kunrad was for many years an active elder of the Montbeliard congregation. Some immigrants of this name settled near Louisville, Ohio 150 years ago, but have long since passed out of the church.

53) KUPFERSCHMIDT – Evidently not many coppersmiths joined the Amish church, for only one appears in our records–Bishop Jacob Kupferschmit of Salm, who signed the Essingen agreement, and whose name also appears in the GEMEINDEBUCH as one of the elders who officiated at an ordination.

54) LEHMANN – Mentioned five times. The name likely means a person living on a gentle slope. Whether there is any connection with today's Amish Lehmans, is unknown.

55) LICHTI – A common name in Europe. It is not known whether or not the Amish Lichtys of today are descended from those of Montbeliard.

56) LINDTER or LINDER –

57) LUGBÜHL or LUGENBÜHL – From 1795 on the Lugbühls were prominent in the ministry of the Montbeliard church. The name was found in the early years of the Amish settlement in Allen County, Indiana, as well as in Stark County, Ohio.

58) MADTMANN –

59) MAURER –

60) MAYER, MEYER, or MEIER – The Mayers were a sawmilling family that lived in or near the town of Montbeliard from 1785 onward. In 1792 a tragedy occurred at the mill, when Peter Mayer, the sawyer's son, got caught under the saw wheel and was killed. No doubt the sawmill was water powered.

A few generations later, in 1847, another Peter Meier's wife died from the results of a sinful life of adultery. Because both she and her husband had been excommunicated, no one of the Amish wanted to dig the grave. At last a gravedigger from Montbeliard was hired. All who attended the burial services were required to make a confession ("haben mussen die Gemein um Gedult ansprachen").

61) MOSER –

62) MOSSIMANN –

63) MULLER – This is of course another family tree that has many unrelated branches. Immigrants of the Miller name from Montbeliard settled in the Louisville, Ohio area, and later in Allen County, Indiana. Some of their descendants may possibly be found today in Allen and Daviess Counties, Indiana, but this is not proven.

64) MUNDLEIN – Joseph Mundlein was a minister of the "Lemberger Gemein" in 1779.

65) MÜRNER – Appears only only in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Could this be the same as Marner?

66) NAFZIGER – Although not found in the Montbeliard area, this family was quite prominent in other European Amish communities. There were six ordained men of the Nafziger name attending the Essingen meeting in 1779. Johannes (or Hans) Nafziger was one of the home ministers at Essingen, and may have been one of the leaders in organizing the meeting. He was often called on to help settle difficulties in other congregations, and was one of the bishops who went to Holland in the 1760's for this purpose. In 1781 this Johannes Nafziger wrote a long letter describing the ceremonies of baptism, marriage, and the ordination of ministers. Later, this letter was much recopied and became sort of a ministers' manual in many Amish churches.

Christian Nafziger (1776–1836) was the first Amishman from Europe to think of settling in Canada.

In late 1821 he sailed to New Orleans, and then walked the thousand miles to Lancaster County. There he learned of the Mennonite settlement in Waterloo County, Ontario, so he went to Canada to investigate. Through his efforts a large Amish church was founded in Wilmot Township, later spreading to a wider area. Today the Nafziger name is common in Ontario, but there are no longer any Old Order Amish.

67) **NÄUENHAUSSER or NEUHAUSER** – Of the first six persons of this family listed in the Montbeliard baptismal records, five joined the Lutherans or otherwise fell from the faith. When old Jacob Näuwhausser died in 1781, Hans Rich wrote this comment, "There are three daughters, two Lutheran and one by us, and also the mother, and they are slovenly and nogood persons who have but little of the oil of faith (Glaubensöl), and are like the foolish virgins." It may be significant that in 1779 it is said that the above Jacob no longer lived on the farm, but "now lives in the town of Montbeliard."

Christen Näuenhausser, perhaps from an unrelated family, was an orphan, his parents having died in Alsace. He was baptized but fell from the faith, and died in prison in the sixth year of a ten year sentence for having burned down Peter Graber's barn.

68) **OBERLI** –

69) **PLANCKT or BLANCK** – The bishop Nicholas Planckt family lived near Belfort, not far from Montbeliard. He represented the Colmar church at Essingen, and there his name is spelled Nickolaus Blank.

This bishop Planckt had a difficult time with his wife and daughter, who are described in the GEMEINDEBUCH as "zwei schandliche Weibervolker." Through their ungodliness, Planckt was silenced in his ministry and came near to being excommunicated, but once again made peace with the church a few months before his death in 1783.

70) **RAMSEIER** – This family was prominent in the "Neuenburger Gebiet" (Neuchatel).

71) **RÄUSSRIN** –

72) **REINACHER** –

73) **REIST, RIS, or RISS** – This name appears five times in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Perhaps it is the same family name as Hans Reist, the opponent of Jacob Ammann in the 1690's.

74) **RICH** – The third most numerous family in Montbeliard. Hans Rich was the outstanding Amish leader from this family. The credit for the GEMEINDEBUCH must largely go to him, for he was apparently the one who started keeping the records. During the 1760's, only a few years after his ordination as bishop, he was one of four Amish leaders chosen to travel to Holland to help settle the problems in the church there. Another indication of his leadership may be evident in the Essingen ORDNUNGSBRIEF of 1779, where his name appears first among the 48 ministers signing the agreement.

The Rich family name may not be familiar to the Amish today, but it is a very old Amish name coming from Canton Bern in Switzerland. It has various spellings, Rich, Riche, Richer, Richen, Reich and Riech. In fact, bishop Hans Rich sometimes signed his name Richen, and at other times Richer.

Jacob Richer of Florida is the only surviving Amishman with this family name.

75) **RISCHART, RITCHART, REICHART, or RICHARD** – This is another family that was well represented in the Montbeliard congregation. The first ordination recorded in the GEMEINDEBUCH is that of Michel Ritchard to the office of "völlig Lehramdt" or bishop. One of the three bishops officiating at this ordination was "der grosse" Michel Richart of Neuchatel.

76) **ROTH** – The second most numerous family in Montbeliard, exceeded only by the Grabers. Jacob Roth was the senior bishop from the beginning of the GEMEINDEBUCH (1750) until his death in 1766.

It is believed that members of the Montbeliard Roth family immigrated to America. Their descendants today are found among Mennonite and Beachy churches, but the name has disappeared from among the Amish

77) **ROTHACHER** –

78) **RUB** – Undoubtedly the same as Rupp, for thus it is spelled in some of the Alsatian records.

79) **RUBY** – Hanss Ruby was a minister of the church at Salm in 1779.

80) **RULET** – Ogust Rulet was baptized at Montbeliard in 1811, and a note was made that he was from Switzerland, "aus der Schwitz."

81) **SCHAD** – Although this name is unfamiliar to us today, a century ago there were Amish in America of this family, living around Archbold, Ohio and other areas. The spelling, however, was made more English-like by changing it to SHORT.

82) **SCHALBÄRGER or SCHALLENBERGER** –

83) **SCHANTZ** – This family seems to have been scattered throughout many Amish churches in Europe. Hans Schantz of "la Combe Boudry" in Neuchatel was one of five candidates when two bishops were ordained in 1787. Michael Schantz, Christian Schantz, and Peter Schantz were all present at Essingen in 1779.

In America, the Amish Schantzes changed the spelling of the name to Johns. (The city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania was named after Joseph Johns, an Amish immigrant who settled at the present site of the city.)

84) **SCHEIDI** –

85) **SCHEIN** –

86) **SCHERTZ** –

87) **SCHILT** –

88) **SCHINDLER or SCHINDTLER** – A quite numerous family in Montbeliard, with more than forty references in the GEMEINDEBUCH.

89) **SCHLATTER** –

90) **SCHLEGEL** –

91) **SCHLUNEGER** –

92) **SCHMUCKER or SCHMUCKLI** – Probably very few of the Schmucker family today realize that the name in Europe was often spelled Schmuckli. The

name appears more than thirty times in the GEMEINDEBUCH. Jacob Schmuckli was ordained preacher in 1756. In 1777 he and his family were among the first to settle and found a new Amish church in Basel. The GEMEINDEBUCH says, ". . .einer von den ersten der ins Baselbiet ausgezoggen ist da zu wohnen und fräyheit hatt von der oberkeit."

93) SCHOTT, or SCHODT – Possibly the same as Schad.

94) SCHRAG – Joseph Schrag was a minister of the "Dubnower Gemein" who attended the Essingen conference in 1779. Today in America the name is usually spelled Schrock.

95) SCHWAB –

96) SCHWARI or SCHWARRI –

97) SCHWARTZ – The Schwartzes were well represented in the Montbeliard area, and the name appears some twenty times in the GEMEINDEBUCH, from the earliest years onward.

The numerous Schwartzes of Adams and Allen Counties, Indiana, and elsewhere, are descended from the Schwartz family of Montbeliard. Immigrant Johannes Schwartz lived in what is now the department of Doubs, France, six hours walking distance from Montbeliard. This would be perhaps 20 to 25 miles distance, and shows how scattered the Amish were in Europe.

98) SCHWARTZENDRUBER or SCHWARTZENTRAUBER – Johanes Schwartzendruber was a minister of the Waldeck church in 1779, and attended the Amish ministers meeting at Essingen. A Jörg Schwartzentrauber was a member of the Montbeliard church, but he fell from the faith in 1776.

99) SHUNGRIG – Nickolaus Shungrig signed the Essingen agreement in 1779. One wonders if perhaps the name has been misread, and should be Güngrig, or Gingerich.

100) SOLLANDT –

101) STÄHLI, STÄLLI, or STÄLI –

102) STAUFFER –

103) STEIGER –

104) STEINBRUNNER –

105) STEINER –

106) STOLL – In the GEMEINDEBUCH, the name Stoll appears first under the year 1759 when Jacob Stoll married Madeleine Richer. In succeeding years, the Stolls frequently intermarried with the Grabers. Hans Stoll was a bishop in the neighboring Belfort church. Christen Stoll was ordained bishop in Montbeliard in 1836, and on the same date Jacob Stoll was ordained preacher. In 1790 Samuel Stoll was ordained preacher to go with the group of emigrants to Poland. The name Stoll is the sixth most numerous family in the GEMEINDEBUCH.

The Amish Stolls today trace their ancestry through a widow Magdalena Stoll (born Graber) who settled in Stark County, Ohio with her three young sons and a daughter about 1836. Magdalena was the daughter of immigrant Daniel Graber, but her husband's first name seems to be unknown, as is the exact place he came from in Europe.

107) STUCKI or STUCKY – This, too, was once a common Amish name. Bensz Stucky of Colmar, and Christian Stucky of the "Littauer Gemein" attended the Essingen meeting in 1779. The name appears a number of times in the Montbeliard GEMEINDEBUCH.

108) STUTZ – Could this have been a short way of writing Stutzman?

109) SUDER –

110) SUMMER –

111) TEDWEILER (Dettweiler) – Jacob Tedweiler of Zweibrucken was a minister in the late 1770's.

112) TRÖSCH or TRÖSCHT –

113) ULI or UHLI –

114) ULLMAN –

115) ULRICH –

116) UMMEL –

117) WÄNGER – The Wangers of Montbeliard were supposedly Mennonites, but the name appears a number of times in the GEMEINDEBUCH, so it appears that a branch of the family was likely Amish.

118) WEISS, WEIST, or WEYSS – This name, like two other European Amish names, Roth and Schwartz, probably comes from the color. The name appears in the Archbold, Ohio area as Wise, but none of the family is Amish today.

119) WIDTERKEHR –

120) WILLI –

121) WILLRICH –

122) WITTMER or WIDMER – This old Swiss family came originally from Sumiwald in Canton Bern. The name appears first in Montbeliard in 1753. Hans Wittmer and his wife Catherine Alliman may have immigrated directly from Switzerland. The occupation of this Hans was "Mattenknächt," or keeper of the meadow.

The family was also well represented in Basel, and a Hans Widtmer was living there in the early 1800's. He died in 1848, almost a hundred years old.

Immigrant Joseph Wittmer, who married Lana Grabill in Allen County, Indiana in 1867, was likely related to or descended from the above Wittmers. His son, the aged bishop Amos G. Wittmer of Daviess County, Indiana, is now 91 (March, 1974), and has been ordained longer than any other living Amish minister or bishop. He was ordained preacher in 1909 and bishop in 1925.

123) WOLF – This name entered the Amish church from the Reformed church when Crist Wolf and his wife were baptized in 1791. Either they had no sons to carry on the name, or their sons did not join the Amish, for the name does not appear later.

124) WÜRGLER –

125) ZIMMERMANN – This German name means carpenter. It appears twice in the Montbeliard death records. Today the name is found among Mennonites, but not among the Amish.

126) ZINGT –

127) ZOG – Could this be the same as Zook?

128) ZÜRCHER –

129) ZUTTER –

– The End –

AN AGED ONE PRAYS

Be with me, Lord, my home is growing still,
As one by one the guests go out the door;
And they who helped me once to do Thy will
Behold and praise Thee on the heavenly shore.

Uphold my strength! My task is not yet done,
Nor let me at my labor cease to sing;
But from the rising to the setting sun
Each faithful hour do service to my King.

Show me Thy light! Let not my wearied eyes
Miss the fresh joy of the passing day;
But keep the light of morn – the sweet surprise
Of each new blessing that attends my way.

And for the crowning grace, O Lord,
Renew the best of gifts Thy saints have had;
With the great joy of Christ my heart endue,
To share the whole world's tears and still be glad.

GOD BLESS AND KEEP THE OLD FOLKS!

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

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attorney for him and in his name to settle with Jacob Kauffman Jr. to do and perform all things in his name and seal. In 1810 the tract was patented to Valentine Kauffman.

In 1754 Christian Beiler was granted another tract of around 100 acres adjoining to the north of the first tract, bounding Jacob Kauffman to the northwest and Hans Shock to the east. This tract was also transferred to Valentine Kauffman in 1822, which was also possible a jointure deal with Jacob Kauffman. Part B of this tract was patented to John Fulk in 1829 or a few years after Christian Beiler's widow died, which called for a settlement.

Another grant to Christian Beiler in 1754 is on the south of the first tract which extends to a boundary of present old Route 22, adjoining Jacob Waggoner to the east, Christian Stutzman to the south and Jacob Stutzman to the west. This tract was also conveyed to Valentine Kauffman and John Fulk after his widow Barbara's death. At this point it is difficult to even suggest on which one of these three tracts Christian chose to build upon to call his home to rear his family. Perhaps his six oldest children were born on this homestead.

From 1750 on this Northkill congregation boomed a short life. It grew fast and prospered until 1770 it reached, or already passed, a climax. A restless attitude began to build up before this time, by 1770 a scatterment occurred. Some of Christian's neighbors had already moved out. Hans Gnegi and Hans Schock moved to the Hanover section in the sixties and the Kauffmans (who were numerous) were drifting and leaning towards military service at the approach of the Revolutionary War, so Christian may have began to feel alone in his immediate section. From this time on until the late 1770's the Northkill congregation split into three major movements. One to the Conestoga Valley, the second to the Chester Valley, and the third to Brothers Valley, Bedford Co., Pa., or now Somerset County. Our Christian chose the Conestoga Valley movement. In the meantime he did own a tract of land of about one hundred acres in Exeter Township, Berks County, just east of Reading, along side of his brother John's property. It is doubtful in my mind that he ever lived there, although it does open a small margin to the old theory that the Beilers first lived in the Oley Valley, which adjoins Exeter Township.

In 1764 Christian Beiler purchased a tract of 109 acres in Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster County, Pa., jointly with another probable brother-in-law, John Yoder. In a 1771 deed another Amish landjoiner is named, Jacob Yoder, commonly known to us as "Strong Jake." By this indenture Christian purchased from John Yoder his half share of the 1764 tract.

In 1796 Christian bought another tract of fourteen acres from John Lapp. These premises began in Berks County and extended west into Lancaster County, perhaps adjoining Christian's 1764 tract.

All in all Christian had so many land grants and patents that it is doubtful if we can name them all. The last one named in his will is that he did bequeath unto his son, Jacob, five adjoining tracts of land in Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County containing together about sixty-six acres and another tract of land in same township of fourteen acres that Jacob shall yield and pay unto Christian's executors, John Lapp and Christian Hertzler, who were also his land joiners. This was probated in the Lancaster court in 1813 or about a year after his death.

The Conestoga Graveyard

From an 1806 deed we can get an accurate account of an early, perhaps the first, Amish graveyard of the Conestoga Valley on the Lancaster County side. Abstracts of it follow. This indenture between John Lapp of Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County of one part and Jacob Beiler, Jacob Lapp, Peter Plank, of Berks Co., Pa., and David Kurtz, Stephen Coffman and George Lapp of the other part that for the consideration of six pounds shall be paid by them unto John Lapp to sell and release unto them a tract of 42 perches for the use of a burial ground, each one undivided a seventh part, also the estate title claim of six seventh unto John Lapp. The tract was surveyed at a stone corner of John Lapp's land and Jacob Beiler's land northeast to a corner of the old graveyard thence south and west to place of beginning. This deed tells us that an old graveyard already existed, but now it was a church burial ground. The old graveyard is probably where Christian Beiler buried his first wife, Elizabeth. If there were any children who died on this Conestoga Homestead, they are probably buried there. Christian and his second wife, Barbara, are also likely buried there.

Joseph F. Beiler

To be continued

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1. From the letters of Bishop David Beiler written to his family around 1860 (of which we have copies of the original German script in our files); they were translated and published as "Eine Vermahnung und Andenken" in 1928.

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

Christian Beiler Landgrants

Christian Beiler was born in Switzerland; he came with his parents, Jacob and Veronica Beiler, to America in 1737, and, according to David Beiler's "Familien-Chronik,"[1] Christian was nine or ten years old when they immigrated. The remaining of his solitary life of about thirteen years was likely spent in the Irish Valley Homestead. Every day of these years pertained to strictly pioneer life. Generally the first move was to cut down timber for a dwelling which was often a rude log cabin. Next was the process of cutting more trees to clear land for cultivation. We can only speculate where the first seeds came from but they were planted carefully and wisely. Each year of progress gave the family a more firm foothold to the virgin soils in a new country. With time a barn was built, more land cleared, a more convenient home erected and more improvements added as progress afforded. About the time that the Beiler farm was well organized, Christian married and moved north six miles on a new landgrant to start all over again on his own. Perhaps these thirteen years of pioneer life enabled him to build a strong character, strong in faith and have confidence in the Almighty Hand.

The most probable date of Christian's marriage will be set at 1750 or the first winter that Bishop Jacob Hertzler was in the colony. Although it is supposed that some marriages were performed by ministers before Jacob came. We have records of such instances as late as 1850 in our church. In all probability the colony was in dire need of a bishop by 1749, or twelve years after it was first settled.

A few more notes of interest can be pointed out concerning Christian's days of youth. Who were his close Comrades? It would seem reasonable to say that for a long time the ones close to heart were his shipmates and especially those that settled in the colony. On page 139 in the 1972 volume of THE DIARY is a list of women and children on the Charming Nancy. The Kauffmans, Lehmans, Millers, Zimmermans, Mashts, Hershbergers, Burkis, and Speichers settled in the area. The Lehmans moved to now Hamburg in 1750. To this shiplist must be added the Henry Stehley family who really belong there but did not arrive until January of 1738 for some unknown reason. Of the next shiplist (1742) only the Christian Yoder, Moritz Zook and Christian Zug families settled in this valley. From this Yoder family Christian likely chose his life's companion.

In 1754 Christian Beiler received two landgrants in now Upper Bern Township midway between Hamburg and Shartlesville in a rich valley that parallels the foot of the Blue Mountain and just north of old Route 22. This valley was now in full bloom with our major shiplist settlers (see page 179, THE DIARY, 1972), the later ones chose this fertile valley which is more moderately sloped and it has more spread. It extended from Hamburg west to beyond the Northkill Creek, after which the community was named. This is the valley that Bishop Jacob Hertzler chose to head the church and most of shiplist B, and some of the shiplist groups C, D, and E followed him, even a few of the Irish Valley drew out and moved north, namely, Hans Zimmerman in 1747 and Benedict Lehman in 1750. A few had settled here before Jacob Hertzler came. By 1754 prospects looked good to this valley and the church did prosper until about 1770 in spite of the Indian massacres of 1755.

Christian Beiler was a lover of land or at least he had his full share granted to him, much more than the average. We have account of at least six different purchases in four different townships. From his grandson David Beiler's writing we note that he states that most of our forefathers came to this country poor. But later on he mentions that some of the old ones (of his time) became exceedingly rich. This may be an example and, in my opinion, this may have been one of the foremost reasons of the downfall of the Northkill Church.

As early as 1747 he seems to have an interest in a one hundred and forty seven acre tract jointly with his probable brother-in-law, Hans Gnagi. This parcel begins at a point on Kauffmans Creek at Rieffs mill and the stream runs through the whole length of the property eastward. This tract bounded the land of Stephen Coffman who was also a probable brother-in-law. In 1763 Hans Gnagi (John Kanagy) moved to Hanover Township now Lebanon Co., Pa. In this transaction Christian Beiler and Jacob Kauffman bought the remaining share jointly. In 1793 the Kauffman share was transferred to Yost or Jacob Kauffman son of Jacob Sr. In 1798 Christian Beiler elected his son, Christian, to be his true and lawful

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INJURIES FATAL TO GEAUGA CO. MAN

Ervin A. Hershberger, 26, was fatally injured when he fell off a wagon on which he was riding with his feet hanging down. He evidently became overbalanced, falling on his face and pushing his jaws up into his brains. His brother-in-law, Mose Wengard, was driving the tractor and did not notice that he fell off until a car stopped him. (See obituary)

KANSAS BOY HURT DURING HARVEST

Elmer Dean Eash, 11-year-old son of Ervin and Alice (Yoder) Eash of Haven, Kansas, was critically injured Saturday, June 22, around 5:30 p.m. while he and his brother were going home from the field with a load of wheat. Elmer made a misstep and fell off and the wagon wheels went over him. He had broken ribs, a broken jaw, several teeth knocked loose, a very bad gash in one leg, and had difficulty breathing. He was in the intensive care ward in South Hospital at Hutchinson, Kansas till June 26th.

LANCASTER CO., PA. BARN FIRE

Arsonists were believed to have started a fire which destroyed a barn owned by David B. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, Pa., on Old Leacock Road, about a half-mile south of Gordonville, June 25th at 11:15 p.m. The Stoltzfus family managed to save all the animals except one bull. The stables were mostly saved but were torn out except the cowstable which had just been rebuilt four years ago. A loss of $22,000 was estimated. They got a lot of help on account of wet weather and were expecting lumber by July 3rd. Christ S. Beiler of Leola was the carpenter.

2-YEAR-OLD BOY FELL OFF BUGGY

Philip, son of Joe and Rosemary Gascho, was injured on May 15th when he fell off the buggy and broke his leg between the hip and knee. He spent a week in the hospital then was sent home and put in traction.

PA. MAN HAD PART OF LUNG REMOVED

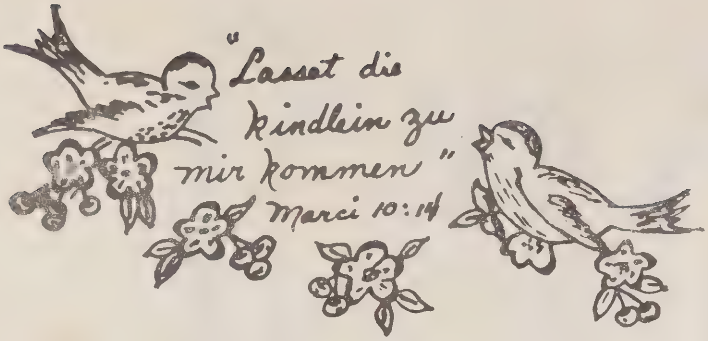
Elam S. King, 38, of Lebanon R1, Pa., entered the hospital on May 21st after he started to bleed from the mouth and nose. After two weeks of tests and xrays they operated, and the doctor reported taking one third of his left lung away. He came home June 15th and at the end of the month was walking around and doing some light work.

LANCASTER CO., PA. ACCIDENTS

Elam S., 6-year-old son of Benjamin S. and Katie (Stoltzfoos) Beiler, Drumore R1, Pa., was seriously injured, June 21st, when he ran into the path of a car on Route 272 about one mile south of the Buck at 5:15 p.m. Elam and his older sister had gone to the neighbors across the road to give them peas and were returning home when he was hit by a car. He had head injuries, leg injuries, a broken collar bone and a crushed hip. He was rushed to Lancaster General Hospital and spent some time in the constant unit. He was put in traction and had weights hanging on it and when his hip starts to heal they will put a cast on. By July 1st the bone specialist was well pleased with him.

Amos L. Fisher, 53, Ronks R1, Pa., was thrown off a pony, May 23rd, while on his way to the other farm to feed his calves. He entered Lancaster General Hospital Sunday, June 2nd, and had an operation the 3rd for a torn ligament in the knee. He was in the hospital ten days and is supposed to have a cast on his leg for six weeks, gets around on crutches. Amos is one of the staff members of THE DIARY.

Benuel S. Lapp, 33, Narvon R1, Pa., was injured the latter part of the month when the pulley wheel flew off while starting his grass mower, hitting him in the stomach. He lost a lot of blood and had to have a small operation to clean the grease and dirt out.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ALLGYER, Aaron (Malinda King) Gordonville R1 a son ABRAM K., June 19
BEILER, John K. (Lydia Fisher) Narvon R2 a daughter FANNIE RUTH, June 13
ESH, Joseph (Barbara Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son AMOS S., June 26
ESH, Michael S. (Sadie K. Miller) Strasburg R1 a daughter LEAH, June 29
FISHER, Amos M. (Lydia Ann King) Kinzers R1 a son JAMES K., June 23
FISHER, David S. (Lydia K. Fisher) Paradise R1 a daughter KATIE F., May 31
FISHER, Emanuel R. (Katie S. Esh) Bird-inHand R1 a son MERVIN RAY, June 22
GLICK, Christian Z. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son AMOS S., June 27
GLICK, David I. (Dora K. Glick) Gap R1 a son AARON G., May 30
GLICK, Moses S. (Elizabeth F. Stoltzfoos) New Providence R1, a daughter ELIZABETH F., June 15
HERSHBERGER, Jonathan (Betty Lapp) Quarryville R2, a daughter ELSIE, June 14
KAUFFMAN, Elmer E. (Lizzie K. Beiler) Christiana R1, a son ELMER JR., June 16
KAUFFMAN, Samuel (Mary Ann Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1 a daughter RUTH ANN, June 13
KING, Benuel (Sylvia Fisher) Lancaster R4 a daughter MIRIAM, June 14
KING, Christ F. (Sylvia Fisher) Christiana R1 a daughter SADIE F., June 26
KING, Christian K. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a daughter MIMA Z., June 10
KING, Daniel K. (Emma L. Fisher) 263 Clearview Rd. Lancaster, a son PHARES JOHN, June 2
KING, Eli E. (Hannah King) Ronks R1 a daughter MALINDA K., June 27
KING, John A. (Sarah S. Esh) Gordonville R1 a son NATHAN PAUL, June 25
KING, John E. (Annie L. Beiler) Oxford R1 a daughter ANNIE B., June 5
LAPP, Benuel S. (Lizzie S. King) Narvon R1 a daughter SADIE, June 6
KING, Levi S. (Sylvia S. Lapp) Lititz R3 a son MERVIN L., June 16
LAPP, Christian (Rachel Beiler) Newport Rd., Ronks R1, a daughter LYDIA MAE, June 2
MILLER, Aaron K. (Sarah S. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a daughter ESTHER F., June 16
STOLTZFOOS, Jonas F. (Susie S. Zook) 105 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a son EPHRAIM Z., June 25
STOLTZFUS, Benuel S. (Priscilla S. Stoltzfus) Morgantown R1, a daughter ARIANA, May 18
STOLTZFUS, Daniel S. (Malinda E. Fisher) Todd Rd., Honey Brook, a daughter ARIE ANNA, June 16
STOLTZFUS, Gideon F. (Barbara Ann Fisher) Gap R2 a son GIDEON F. JR., June 27
STOLTZFUS, Isaac E. (Annie S. Fisher) Kirkwood R1 a daughter EMMA, June 13
STOLTZFUS, John S. (Fannie F. Esh) Christiana R1 a son ELI E., June 26
STOLTZFUS, Stephen B. (Rachel Lapp) New Holland R2, a son STEPHEN B. JR., June 12
ZOOK, Jeremiah (Dora K. Glick) Bart P. O. a daughter MARY G., June 2
ZOOK, John K. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Ronks R1 a daughter MARY S., June 4

Dover, Delaware

BYLER, Milo I. (Lydia Mast) Dover R2 a son VERNON, June 21
MAST, Eli E. (Sarah Mast) Dover R6 a daughter ALTA, June 3
MILLER, Atlee A. (Barbara King) Dover R5 a son JOHN, June 17
MILLER, Enos Yost (Naomi Yoder) Dover R5 a son KEVIN RAY, June 20
MILLER, Samuel J. (Barbara Troyer) Wyoming R1 a daughter LUCY, June 25

St. Mary's County, Maryland

BEILER, Benjamin (Hannah Swarey) Charlotte Hall a son ISRAEL, June 6
HERTZLER, Sam (Hannah Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville a son ABNER, June 15
STOLTZFUS, Amos R. (Mary Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville a daughter LAVINA, June 7
YODER, Jacob (Gertrude Swarey) Mechanicsville a son ANDY, February 20

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Centre County, Pennsylvania

STOLTZFUS, Henry B. (Rachel Fisher)
a daughter MARY F., June 30
STOLTZFUS, Sam J. (Annie Miller)
a son REUBEN, June 18

Bradford County, Pennsylvania

GIROD, Dan (Lovina Yoder) Wyalusing
a son MARK, June 25
YODER, Henry (Lydia Mae Detweiler) Leraysville
a daughter MILLIE, June 28

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

YODER, Floyd P. (Katie Renno) Mifflintown R2
a stillborn daughter on June 8

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Norman (Salinda Zook) Belleville
a son NORMAN, June 10
SWAREY, Crist (Rachel Peachey) Belleville
a daughter MARY, June 28

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Eli J. (Ada Byler)
a daughter ANNIE, June 2
BYLER, John L. (Saloma Wengerd)
a daughter LEAH, June 5
HOSTETLER, Chris (Saloma J. Byler)
a son ANDY, June 2

Conewango Valley, New York

BYLER, Atlee, Jr, (Betty H. Miller)
a son ENOS, April 28
HERSHBERGER, John S. (Sarah C. Kauffman)
a daughter MARY, June 11
KAUFFMAN, Jonas C. (Lydiann Hershberger)
a son CRIST, May 12
MILLER, Atlee Y. (Drucilla A. Miller)
a son ABE, May 2
MILLER, David L. (Malinda J. Miller)
a son WILLIAM, May 11
MILLER, Enos H. (Rosie M. Shetler)
a son HENRY, June 25
MILLER, Harvey M. (Edna M. Hershberger)
a son MENNO, May 10
MILLER, Isaac L. (Mary Y. Miller)
a daughter REBECCA, June 4
MILLER, Pete A. (Lydia L. Shetler)
a daughter ELLA, May 15
SHETLER, Noah J. (Ada A. Byler)
a son WILLIAM, June 18
SLABACH, Dan A. (Mattie L. Shetler
a daughter EMMA, May 5

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Chester M. (Edna D. Miller)
a daughter BARBARA, June 17
TROYER, Melvin E. (Saloma Miller)
a daughter on June 22
TROYER, Mose L. (Edna E. Miller)
a daughter VIOLA, June 14
YODER, Sam D. (Rebecca A. Hershberger)
twins SAMUEL & SUSAN, June 19
Samuel died soon after birth.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

LEE, Enos D. (Nancy Sommers) Grantsville R1, Md.
a daughter EMMA, June 5

Holmes County, Ohio

COBLENTZ, Atlee R. (Fannie Weaver) Dundee
a daughter KATHERINE, May 18
HERSHBERGER, Roman E. (Gertie Yoder) Baltic
a daughter SARA, June 27
HOSTETLER, Robert (Mary Schlabach) Millersburg
a daughter LAURA, May 23
KEIM, Abe A. (Verna Miller) Millersburg R5
a son WAYNE, June 13
KUHNS, WM. M. (Clara Mast) Holmesville R1
a son WILLIAM, June 11
MILLER, Andy R. (Sara Mae Miller) Millersburg R5
a son DANIEL RAY, May 24
MULLET, Delbert (Melva Yoder)
a son ERVIN, June 24
MULLET, John H., Jr. (Martha Garber)
a daughter JUDY MARIE, May 19
RABER, Henry (Edna Miller) Millersburg R3
a daughter LEONA, May 30
RABER, Jonas E. (Barbara Yoder) Baltic R1
a son JOHNNY, June 23
TROYER, David M. (Laura Miller) Millersburg Star Rt.
a daughter MIRIAM, May 22
YODER, Dan B. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg R3
a son ATLEE, June 23
YODER, Bish. &Mrs. David E., Millersburg R4
a danghter NAOMI, June 9
The baby is in an incubator and not very good.
YODER, Mose J. (Ada Yoder) Baltic
a daughter SUSAN, June 24

Wayne County, Ohio

COBLENTZ, Ivan (Esther Miller) Millersburg R5
a son on June 24
HERSHBERGER, Ervin (Verna Schlabach) Dundee
a daughter RUTH, June 1
KEIM, Leroy (Linda Miller) Apple Creek R2
a son LEO, May
MILLER, Andy (Katie Hershberger) Apple Creek R2
a son MERVIN, June
MILLER, Simon J. (Katie Raber) Apple Creek R1
a daughter MARY ANN, June 10
RABER, Emanuel (Lydiann Yoder) Apple Creek R2
a son JOHN, June 13
WEAVER, Aaron (Anna Hochstetler) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter ESTHER, June 3
WEAVER, John (Clara Yoder) Big Prairie R1
a son JOHN, JR. June 10
WEAVER, Paul (Esther Miller) Dalton
a daughter ELMINA, May 23
YODER, Robert (Rachel Mast) Kidron
a daughter NAOMI, May 27

Hicksville, Ohio

YODER, Noah (Sara Mae Troyer)
a son FREEMAN, June 28

Camden, Michigan

GRABER, Peter (Margaret Girod)
a daughter ESTHER, June 24

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Melvin (Emma Steury) New Haven
a son JESSE S., June 14
LENGACHER, Melvin (Wilma Brandenberger) New Haven
a daughter ELIZABETH, June 10
LENGACHER, Menno (Rebecca Graber) Grabill
a twins REBECCA & ROSALIE, June 7
WITTMER, Edwin (Ann Schwartz) Grabill
a daughter MARIE, June 1

Milroy, Indiana

GRABER, Mr. and Mrs, Dan
a son STEVEN, June 2

Adams County, Indiana

MILLER, Emanuel L. (Lydiann N. Schwartz)
Monroe R1, a son NOAH, June 20
SCHWARTZ, Elmer L. (Ida Yoder) Monroe R1
twin sons JOHN and JOE, June 1

La Grange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Ezra (Rosa Yoder) Topeka R2
a son DENNIS E., May 21
BONTRAGER, Samuel D..(Wilma Miller) Rome City R1
a son CHRISTY, May 26
GRABER, Elmer (Pauline Yoder)
a daughter MIRIAM, June 12
LAMBRIGHT, Larry L..(Ruth Yoder) Middlebury R3
a daughter RUBY ANN, Mvy 30
LEHMAN, Daniel (Sarah Schrock) Topeka R2
a son MARVIN, June 15
MILLER, Floyd U..(Anna Mae Yoder) LaGrange R4
a son HARLEY F. ,May 20
MILLER, Ora S. (Susie Yoder) Wolcottville R2
a son PERRY S., May 22
MILLER, Samuel E..(Orpha Miller) Ligonier R2
a son RICHARD S., June 12
MILLER, Wilbur (Mary Jane Barkman) Middlebury R3
a daughter JULIE RENEE, June 16
SCHROCK, Ora L..(Mary Lambright)
a son HARVEY O., May 31
SLABACH. Freeman Jay (Edna Frey) Millersburg R1
a son ERVIN EUGENE, June 11
YODER, Lee Andrew (LeAnna Miller) Topeka R1
a daughter ELMA L.., June 18

Elkhart County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Alton (Arlene Miller) Middlebury R1
a daughter NORMA A., June 3
LEHMAN, Merlin (Mary Yoder) Middlebury R1
a daughter MARSHA, June 19
MILLER, Elmer H..(Marilyn Yoder) Goshen R1
a son LARRY, June 8
MILLER, Perry (Barbara Mast) Middlebury R1
a daughter CAROLYN, June 25
YODER, Melvin W..(Vera Yoder) Middlebury R3
a daughter on June 28

Arthur, Illinois

MILLER, Melvin (Clara Kauffman)
a daughter KATIE ANN, Mayn29
SCHROCK, Lewis (Viola Herschberger)
a son CHRISTIE LEE, June 19
STUTZMAN, John (Martha Yoder)
a son on June 21

Guthrie, Kentucky

MILLER, Ezra (Esther Miller)
a daughter BARBARA ELLEN, June 23

Reno County, Kansas

BORNTRAGER, Eli A. (Ada Yoder) Hutchison
a daughter LEONA JEAN, June 20
KEIM, Leander Jay (Anna Miller) Haven
a daughter ELIZABETH, June 8

Jamesport, Missouri

GINGERICH, Joe C..(Lydia Detweiler)
a son JOHN ALBERT, June 17

Seymour, Missouri

SCHWARTZ, Emanuel Y. (Susie N.. Schwartz)
a son SAMUEL , June 4
SCHWARTZ, Jake Y..(Anna E. Schwartz)
a son JAKE, JR., June 4
SCHWARTZ, Petie G..(Leah Schwartz)
a son JOE, June 16
SCHWARTZ, Sammy (Mary Hilty)
a son DANNY K.., June 18

Anabel, Missouri

YODER, Junior L..(Anna Lee) Clarence
a stillborn son on June 7

Audrain County, Missouri

GINGERICH, Edwin E. (Lizzie Borntrager) Clark
a daughter SUSIE, June 19
MILLER, Eli J..(Susie S. Gingerich) Clark
a daughter EMMA, June 16
SHROCK, Monroe E. (Mattie J, Gingerich) Clark
a daughter MARY, June 5

Pike County, Missouri

BORNTRAGER, Adam (Mary Burkholder) Curryville
a son AMOS, June 23
EICHER, Dan (Mary Whetstone) Bowling Green
a daughter POLLY, June 18

Johnson County, Iowa

BEACHY, Eldon (Fannie Herschberger)
a daughter WILMA ARLENE, June 5

Buchanan County, Iowa

GINGERICH, Dan R..(Susie Kurtz) Hazleton
a daughter LIZZIE, June 21
HELMUTH, Emanuel J..(Edna Bontrager) Hazleton
a son DANIEL, May 29
MILLER, Perry (Emma Yutzy) Hazleton
a son JOE, June 17

Vernon County, Wisconsin

MILLER, Enos M..(Lydiann Schrock) Cashton R3
a son MERVIN, June 17
MILLER, Tobias J. (Sarah C. Hershberger) Cashton R3
a daughter MARY, June 6
SCHMUCKER, Daniel J. (Amelia Hochstetler) Cashton
a son MENNO, June 11

Medford, Wisconsin

HOCHSTETLER, John (Elizabeth Miller) Curtiss
a daughter KATIE ANN, June 26
SCHROCK, Urias (Ella Plank) Medford
a son HARLEY, June 27

Norwich, Ontario, Canada

GINGERICH, Noah E. (Lovina Miller) Norwich R1
a daughter on June 27

Milverton, Ontario, Canada

ALBRECHT, David (Mary Jantzi) Milverton R1
a daughter VELMA, June 2

Aylmer, Ontario

GASCHO, Joseph (Rosemary Wagler)
a daughter NANCY ANN, June 23
HOCHSTETLER, Gerald and Ruth
a son BENJAMIN, May 11

In meines vaters
hause sind viele
wohnungen Joh 14:2

OBITUARIES

ALLGYER, Abner 36, Lancaster, Pa.

of Hartman Station Road, died at 7:40 a.m. Sunday, June 23, at Lancaster General Hospital where he had had an operation for a brain tumor. He was born in Leacock Township, a son of David and Susan (Stoltzfoos) Allgyer, and was employed as a carpenter and woodworker for 20 years at Kreider Brothers in Witmer. He made coffins and it so happened that he made his own coffin. He is survived by his widow, Mary (Beiler) Allgyer, and six children, John David, Ephraim Jay, Mervin Lee, Edna Mae, Abner B., and Sally; and ten brothers and sisters, Rebecca, wife of Samuel Hostetler, Witmer; Emma S., wife of Daniel B. Stoltzfus, Lewistown; Levina S., wife of Joseph M. Fisher, York; Jacob B., Hyattsville, Md.; John M. Bird-in-Hand R1; Leroy, Glenmore; Elam S., New Providence R2; David, Oley, Pa.; Melvin S., Bernville; and Christian, New Providence R1.

Funeral services were held at the Abram K. King home, by John Allgyer and Bishop Amos L. Beiler; hymn read by Jonas Ebersol; burial at Beiler's.

BEACHY, Albert J., 87, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio

died of an apparent heart attack in his home Friday night, June 21st. He had been ill for some time. Born in Holmes County, a son of Jonas P. and Mattie (Hostetler) Beachy, he was ordained a bishop in 1841. Surviving are his widow, Katie D. (Miller) Beachy; five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Ben W. (Alma) Hostetler and Mrs. Alvin R. (Mattie) Miller, both of R1, and Vernon A. of R2, Sugarcreek, Mary Ann and Lovina A. of Baltic R1, Mrs. Albert V. (Ada) Schlabach of Star Rt., Millersburg and Noah of the home; three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Roman A. (Mattie) Troyer and Mrs. Dan (Katie Ann) Hershberger and Simon J. Beachy of Sugarcreek R1, and Mrs. Albert (Lovina) Keim of Millersburg R5; 50 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Beachy residence by Bishop Melvin J. Miller; burial was in the Troyer Cemetery in Clark Township.

BEILER, Infant, Leola ,Pa.

daughter of Daniel E. and Rachel K. (Esh) Beiler, was stillborn Friday morning, June 28. She is survived by her parents and seven brothers and sisters, Johnny, Lizzie, Benny, Sara, Aaron, Annie and Henry, all at home; paternal grandparents, Aaron S. and Lizzie (Esh) Beiler, Leola R1; maternal grandparents, John P. and Sara S. (King) Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1; maternal grandparents, Benjamin and Annie Esh, Leola R1, and Isaac and Mary King, Bird-in-Hand R1.

BONTRAGER, Kenneth E., 23, Haven, Kansas

son of Eli H. and Susie (Yoder) Bontrager, was born June 9, 1950, died June 3, 1974 in a Hutchinson hospital after a week's illness, he being an invalid of 2½ years. His age was 23 yr., 11 mo. and 25 days. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Merlin (married to Ida Miller) and Harvey W. (married to Edith Yoder); two sisters, Mrs. Elton (Irene) Miller and Mrs. Glen D. (Lydia Mae) Yoder; and a grandmother, Mrs. Deemy Schrock, five nephews and three nieces, all of Haven, Kansas R2.

Funeral services were held at the home, Friday forenoon, June 7, in a shed, conducted by Pre. Sam J. Yoder, Bishop Jonas P. Bontrager and Pre. D. K. Bontrager; in the house by Bishop David E. Schrock, Bishop John N. Mast and Pre. Eli S. Schrock. Pall bearers were young men his age whom he had chosen. In his condition, and no promise of recovery, he had planned his own funeral. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery 1½ miles east of Yoder, Kansas.

BONTRAGER, Mrs. Malinda, 61, Beach City, Ohio

died suddenly Tuesday, June 18, in her home of an apparent heart attack. Born in Mt. Eaton, she was a life resident of the area. Surviving are her husband, John, and six sisters, Mrs. Jacob P. (Fannie) Weaver, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mrs. David (Lizzie) Troyer, Mrs. Dan (Mattie) Byler, Mrs. Monroe J. C. (Ella) Miller, all of Apple Creek R2, and Mrs. Eli J. P. (Ada) Miller of Millersburg Star Route.

Funeral services were held June 21 at the home by Bishop Jonas Keim; burial in Keim Cemetery.

HELMUTH, Ben, 77, of Arthur, Illinois

was born Aug. 9, 1896, died June 24, at 5:10 a.m. He was a son of Jacob C. and Lydia (Otto) Helmuth and his age was 77 yr., 10 mo., 14 days. He operated a saw mill and thrashing machine for a number of years. Surviving is a brother, Noah, and two sisters, Amanda of Arthur and Mrs. Abbie Yoder of Salisbury, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the family residence southeast of Arthur, by John Herschberger. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

HERSHBERGER, Ervin A., 26, Geauga Co., Ohio

died from injuries (see front page). He was the son of Andy Hershbergers of Wayne County, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Betty, daughter of Levi Wengerds, and two small children.

Funeral services were held at the neighbors.

HERSHBERGER, Mrs. Mary J., 80, Mt. Eaton, Ohio
died June 23, following a short illness. She was born in Aurora, Va. on Aug. 5, 1893, a daughter of Noah C. and Anna (Hershberger) Petersheim. She lived most of her life in Wayne County, Ohio. She was married to John N. Hershberger in 1916, who died in September 1968. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ada Lilly of Wooster, Mrs. Anna Amos of Ky., and Mrs. Amanda Chupp with whom she lived; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Rudy Petersheim of Burton.

Funeral services were held June 26 at the Eli L. Miller home by Bishop Eli Shetler; burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery.

MILLER, Elmer K., 59, Apple Creek R1, Ohio
died unexpectedly, June 11, in his home of an apparent heart attack. He was a son of the late Jacob J. and Sarah (Miller) Miller. He was born in Holmes County and lived in that area 28 years. Surviving are his wife, Susan J. (Hershberger) Miller; four daughters, Mrs. Aden R. (Amanda) Miller of R2 Sugarcreek, Mrs. Andy R. (Sara Mae) Miller of R5 Millersburg, Mrs. Henry A. (Elma) Troyer of the home and Mrs. Ervin A. (Susie Ann) Hershberger of Mt. Hope; two sons, Leroy E. of Wilmot and Lester E. of Mt. Hope; two sisters, Mrs. Eugene (Malinda) Viebrantz of Wooster and Mrs. Dan A. (Martha) Wengerd of Orrville R3; two brothers, Eli J. Miller of Apple Creek R1 and Albert J. Miller of Fredericksburg.

Funeral services were held June 14 in the home by Bishop Roman S. Yoder. Burial was in the Erb Cemetery in East Union Township.

PETERSHEIM, Mrs. Rebecca L., 83, Strasburg, Pa.
died Friday, May 31 (see obituary in May issue).

Funeral services were held Monday, June 3, at The Aaron M. Fisher residence. Short services at the house by Bishop Christ M. Fisher; hymn read by Dea. Jonathan Z. Beiler; services in the tobacco shed by Pre. John J. Lapp and Bishop Amos S. Lapp; hymn read by Dea. John Z. Fisher; hymn at graveyard by Dea. Jonathan Z. Beiler; abscheid by Pre. Elam A. Beiler; burial in Millwood Cemetery.

SCHLABACH, Mrs. Mary, 72, Fredericksburg R2, Oh.
was found dead Saturday, June 15, following an apparent heart attack. She was born May 19, 1902 to Abe and Dena (Miller) Keim. She was married to Mart Schlabach who preceded her in death in 1967. Surviving are one son, Abe of Millersburg R1; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Anna) Kuhns of the home and Mrs. Andy (Mattie) Yoder of Fredericksburg R2; four brothers, Andy of Millersburg R5, Jacob, Jonas, and Steve of Dundee R1; 20 grandchildren; 4 step brothers, and 3 step sisters.

Funeral services were held June 18, at the home, by Bishop John Frey, Edward Nisley of Illinois, and Perry Stutzman; burial in Locust Grove Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Noah E., 64, Kendallville R1, Ind.
died suddenly Monday, June 3, from an apparent heart attack. He was born near Berne March 29, 1910, and had resided in Middlebury until one month ago when he moved to Kendallville. He was married Dec. 11, 1930, to Mary Schwartz, who survives. Also surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Moses Yoder and Mrs. Larry Miller, both of Shipshewana, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Ernest Schrock and Mrs. Noah Byler, all of Middlebury, Mrs. Andy Byler of Fredonia, Pa., and Mrs. Eli Miller of Nappanee; four sons, Levi of Shipshewana, John and Amos, both of Kendallville and Albert of White Pigeon, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Amos Eicher, Mrs. Truman Yoder, Mrs. Daniel Schwartz and Mrs. Alvin Christner, all of Berne; seven brothers, Menno of Hazelton, Iowa, Joseph and Jacob, both of Berne, Reuben and Samuel, both of Pleasant Lake, and Joe and Enos, both of Hanilton, and 52 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the William Miller Home near Middlebury, by Bishop Clemens Miller. Burial was in the New Pennsylvania Cemetery

STOLTZFOOS, Leroy L., 71, Kinzers R1, Pa.
died at his home Thursday morning, June 13, following a lengthy illness. Born in West Earl Twp., he was a son of the late Samuel K. and Annie (Lapp) Stoltzfoos. He was a broom maker and retired farmer. Surviving are his widow, Fannie (Blank) Stoltzfoos; nine children, Annie, wife of Samuel K. Zook, Paradise R1, Mary, wife of John Petersheim, Gordonville R1, Levi B. Stoltzfoos, Christiana, Hannah, wife of Samuel S. Smucker, Lancaster, Katie, wife of Elam B. Riehl, Gap R1, Susie, wife of Samuel K. Stoltzfus, Atglen R1, Naomi, wife of Leroy M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, David B. Stoltzfoos, Kinzers R1, and Rebecca, wife of Amos T. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; six brothers and sisters, Jacob S. Stoltzfoos, Kinzers R1, Ammon B. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1, Samuel Stoltzfoos, Christiana R1, Annie, wife of Bennie Zook, Gordonville R1, Susie, wife of Henry Stoltzfus, Leola, and Miss Mary Stoltzfoos, Leola R1; 56 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 15 at the Isaac Z. Stoltzfus home at 12 o'clock, by Bishop John F. Glick and Pre. John K. Lapp; hymn read by Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by Dea. John Beiler; abschied by Bishop Jacob Stoltzfus. Burial was at Myer's Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Mrs. Lydia F., 77, Elverson R1, Pa.
died at her home on Monday, June 17, at 12 noon, from a heart condition. She was in church the day before and went to bed that evening in usual health. Next morning she was like unconscious and died at noon. Born in Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Christian L. and Lydia (Fisher) Petersheim. She was the widow of Stephen R. Stoltzfus, who died Nov. 14, 1965. Surviving are four daughters and five sons: Rebecca E., wife of Samuel U. Fisher, Elverson R1, with whom she resided; Barbara F., wife of Daniel S. Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1; Lydia L., wife of Amos Z. Stoltzfus and Naomi K., wife of John Z. Stoltzfus, both of Kennedyville, Md.; Christian L., Elverson R2; John M., Baldwin Park,

Calif.; Ammon P., Elverson R1; Stephen S., Pucalla, Peru; and Jonas L., Morgantown R1; one sister, Barbara, wife of Fred K. Stoltzfus, Morgantown R1; 66 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the late home Thursday, June 20, at 12 noon; short services at the house were held by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Sam Kauffman; services in the shed were held by Bishop Aaron Esh and Bishop Elam Kauffman; hymn read by Levi Kauffman; hymn at graveyard read by Daniel L. Stoltzfus; abschied by Stephen Fisher. Burial was in Mast's Cemetery, Morgantown R1. Pall bearers were four grandsons, Amos Fisher, Reuben Zook, John Glick and Stephen Glick.

YODER, Samuel, 3 days, Geauga Co., Ohio

son of Sam D. and Rebecca A. (Hershberger) Yoder, died June 22nd. Grandparents are Allen L. Hershberger's and Pre. Dan E. Yoder's. A twin sister survives.

Funeral services were held June 23rd.

MARRIAGES

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Brenneman – Joseph A., son of Alvin I. and Susie (Schrock) Peachey, to Katie, daughter of Mrs. Effie and the late Menno G. Brenneman, May 19, by Bishop Bennie A. Yoder.

Yoder-Yoder: Norman, son of Yost J. and Emma (Yoder) Yoder; and Nancy, daughter of Pete E. and Effie (Yoder) Yoder were united in marriage on June 2 by Bishop Bennie A. Yoder.

Yoder-Zook: Simon, son of Elmer S. and Lucy (Lichty) Yoder; and Sadie, daughter of Andy S. and Lavina (Hershberger) Zook were united in marriage on June 11 by Bishop Albert Brenneman.

Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Schlabach – Henry, son of Dea. John A. and Christina Byler, to Mary, daughter of John E. and Emma (Miller) Schlabach, May 2, by Bishop Andy M. Byler of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

Byler-Yoder: Seth, son of John K. and Ella (Troyer) Byler; and Lizzie Ann, daughter of Jacob S. and Lizzie J..(Byler) Yoder on June 18.

Geauga County, Ohio

Mullet, Miller – Eli, son of Bishop Eli J. and Nancy (Fisher) Mullet, to Sarah, daughter of Albert A. S. and Lizzie U. (Miller) Miller, April 18.

Miller, Byler – Melvin, son of Monroe S. and Lydia (Weaver) Miller, to Fannie, daughter of Jake C. and Sarah (Shrock) Byler, May 9, by Bishop Jonas N. Hershberger.

Mullet, Byler – Freeman, son of Elmer J. and Mary C. (Hershberger) Mullet, to Martha, daughter of Dan J. C. and Mattie D. (Miller) Byler, May 16.

Miller, Detweiler – Joe, son of Dan D. and Mary (Kempf) Miller, to Ada, daughter of David R. and Leah L. (Mullet) Detweiler, May 16.

Miller, Fisher – Simon, son of Pre. Alvin A. and Lizzieann (Hershberger) Miller, to Anna, daughter of Crist E. and Esther (Miller) Fisher, May 16, by Bishop Andy M. Miller of Holmes County.

Hershberger, Detweiler – Dan J., son of Joni J. and the late Mattie J. (Schmucker) Hershberger, to Linda, daughter of Bishop Noah N. and Mattie J. (Shetler) Detweiler, May 23.

Mast, Weaver – John Henry, son of John J. and Barbara (Yoder) Mast, to Nancy, daughter of Levi J. and Anna G. (Detweiler) Weaver, May 28.

Miller, Weaver – Willis, son of Pre. Urie J. and the late Barbara A. (Gingerich) Miller, to Linda, daughter of Levi J. and Katie M. (Troyer) Weaver, May 30.

Miller, Miller – Robert, son of Eli J. and Gertie (Yoder) Miller, to Fannie, daughter of Wm. J. and Fannie (Byler) Miller, May 30, by Bishop Noah G. Bender.

Miller-Wengard: John, son of Andy J. and Emma (Fisher) Miller; and Lovina, daughter of Enos Wengards of Atlantic, Pa. on May 30.

Miller-Miller: Robert, son of Eli J. M. and Ada (Yoder) Miller; and Fannie, daughter of Dan J. and Fannie (Byler) Miller on May 30.

Troyer-Coblentz: Mose, son of Roman and Ada (Miller) Troyer; and Lydia, daughter of Jake Coblentz on June 13.

Miller-Schmucker: Harvey, son of Andy C. Miller and Catherine, daughter of Joe E..Schmucker on June 19.

Miller-Gingerich: Dan, son of Ervin M. P. Miller; and Laura, daughter of Andy A. and Anna (Schrock) Gingerich on June 27.

Holmes County, Ohio

Erb, Miller – John, son of Levi A. and Fannie Erb, to Katie, daughter of Melvin B. and Mary (Miller) Miller, May 4, by Andy Troyer.

Troyer, Miller – David, son of Noah A. and Clara (Yoder) Troyer, to Erma, daughter of Eli D. and Mattie (Weaver) Miller, May 23, by Andy J. Mast.

Keim, Troyer – Jacob, son of Levi M. Keim of Bunker Hill, to Betty, daughter of Ura and Mattie (Schlabach) Troyer, May 30.

Troyer-Troyer: Marvin A., son of Pre. Atlee S, and Nettie (Miller) Troyer; and Clara, daughter of Pete M. and Barbara (Miller) Troyer.

Wayne County, Ohio

Fisher, Troyer – Melvin Fisher of Madisonburg, Pa., son of Christian B. and Esther (Ebersol) Fisher of Lancaster Co., Pa., to Susan, daughter of Dan E. and Mary Troyer, May 9.

Miller, Nisley – Edwin, son of the late John A. and Anna (Yoder) Miller, to Mary Ann, daughter of Eli and Ida Nisley, May 30.

Ashland, Ohio

Schwartz, Troyer – Amos, son of Joel Schwartzes of Stueben Co., Ind., to Emma, daughter of Abe Troyers, May 30, by Bishop Albert Keim.

Camden, Michigan

Schwartz-Eicher: Jake A., son of Amos M. Schwartz; and Rebecca, daughter of Paul Eicher on June 6

MARRIAGES, Continued

Centreville, Michigan

Hostetler, Yoder – LeRoy J., son of Joe and Katie Hostetler, Centreville, Mich., to Miriam D., daughter of David D. and Mary Yoder, Centreville, Mich., May 9, by Bishop Wm. J. Bontrager.

Allen County, Indiana

Graber, Eicher – Irvin, son of Marvin and Betty (Schmucker) Graber, Hicksville, Ohio, to Martha Lou, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Miller) Eicher, Grabill, May 9, by Bishop John Graber.

Lengacher, Graber – David, son of Henry and Rosa (Wagler) Lengacher, Grabill, to Rebecca, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graber) Graber, New Haven, May 23, by Bishop Samuel J. Graber.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Yoder – Melvin, son of John and Mattie (Miller) Bontrager, to Carolyn, daughter of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder, April 30, by Bishop Roy W. Miller.

Stutzman, Slabach – Howard, son of Pre. Harry and Ida (Miller) Stutzman, to Lena Fern, daughter of the late Ervin and Naomah (Miller) Slabach, May 16, at the groom's place.

Hochstedler, Raber – Amos, son of Ora and Anna (Troyer) Hochstedler, to Anna Fern, daughter of Andrew and Alta (Farmwald) Raber, May 16.

Miller, Miller – Eli, son of Perry L. and Fannie (Miller) Miller, to Mary Etta, daughter of Jerry E. and Ruby (Miller) Miller, May 26, by Bishop Abe A. Yoder.

Mast, Miller – Henry, son of Sam and Mattie (Miller) Mast, to Frieda, daughter of Harley E. and Wilma (Bontrager) Miller, May 30, by Bishop Sam J. Miller.

Miller, Miller – Levi, son of Chris and Viola (Miller) Miller, to Mary, daughter of Ora and Anna (Troyer) Miller, May 30.

Miller-Miller: Gerald, son of Ben E. and Mary Miller; and Rose Etta, daughter of Herman and Anna Marie (Yoder) Miller of Kentucky. The wedding was held at the groom's home in LaGrange County.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Mast, Bontrager – Clarence, son of Harry and Mary (Wingard) Mast, Topeka R1, to Edna, daughter of Pre. Joe A. and Ida (Miller) Bontrager, Goshen R1, May 9.

Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Schwartz – Amos E., son of Peter A. Schwartzes, Geneva R1, to Mary Ann M., daughter of Jacob E. Schwartzes, Berne R2, May 16.

Wickey, Girod – David E., son of Amos J. Wickeys of Berne R1, to Lovina, daughter of John Girods of Berne R2, May 23.

Nappanee, Indiana

Hochstetler, Zook – Earl Hochstetler, 401 South Main St., Nappanee, son of Monroe Hochstetler of Paraguay, to Leah Zook, Nappanee, daughter of Mrs. Mary Zook and the late Jonas Zook of Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, April 6, by Bishop Toby Slabaugh.

Schmucker, Stutzman – Owen, son of Mrs. Mary Schmucker, to Norma, daughter of Harvey and Inez (Yoder) Stutzman, May 1.

Yoder, Burkholder – Perry, son of Freeman and Mary Alice (Miller) Yoder, Middlebury, to Fern, daughter of Alvin E. and Anna Mae (Hochstetler) Burkholder, May 16, by Bishop Roy W. Miller.

Troyer, Slabaugh – Ray, son of Albert and Gertie (Bontrager) Troyer of Shipshewana, to Dorothy, daughter of Dan and Katie (Hochstetler) Slabaugh, May 23, by Bishop Lonnie Slabaugh.

Holladay, Benton County, Tennessee

Miller, Weaver – Daniel Ray, son of Dan E. and Amanda Miller, to Barbara Sue, daughter of Dan A. and Elizabeth Weaver, May 9, by Bishop Mahlon Mast.

Reno County, Kansas

Yoder, Bontrager – Glen David, son of Pre. Sam J. and Katie (Bontrager) Yoder, Haven R2, to Lydia Mae, daughter of Eli H. and Susie (Yoder) Bontrager, Haven R2, May 2, by Bishop Felty S. Yoder of Middlebury, Indiana.

Audrain County, Missouri

Gingerich, Gingerich – Ervin, son of Pre. David U. and Anna Gingerich, to Lena, daughter of Dea. Chrissie J. and Ida Gingerich, May 16, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

Gingerich, Miller – Ura C., son of Dea. Chrissie J. and Ida Gingerich, to Barbara, daughter of Menno A. and Katie Miller, May 9, by Bishop John B. Mast.

Miller, Stutzman – Joni J., son of Joe B. and Lydia Miller, to Edna, daughter of Mahlon Stutzmans, May 30.

Miller-Burkholder: Widower Levi T., 28, son of Dea Tobias and Sarah (Petersheim) Miller; and Lizzie, 19, daughter of Pre. Samuel M. and Mary (Gingerich) Burkholder on June 27 by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim. Levi has 2 boys and 2 girls, ages 18 months to 6 yrs. For his first wife see obituary, June, 1973.

Seymour, Webster County, Missouri

Schwartz, Schwartz – Amos N., son of Menno D. Schwartz of Seymour, to Mary E., daughter of Aaron P. Schwartz of Seymour, May 2, by Jacob P. Schwartz.

Jamesport, Missouri

Kauffman, Schrock – Ernie, son of Dan and Arie (Miller) Kauffman, to Mary Irene, daughter of Leroy and Sara (Garver) Schrock, May 16, by Chris Kauffman of Milton, Iowa.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Nisly, Schmucker – Daniel, son of Bishop John Nisly, to Elmina, daughter of Bishop Jacob Schmucker, May 21, by Bishop Aden Troyer of Holmes Co., Ohio.

Milverton, Ontario

Albrecht-Wagler: Joe, son of Ezra Albrechts; and Nancy, daughter of Aaron Waglers by Bishop Joe K.. Jantzi.

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ORDINATIONS

Trenton, Kentucky

Ben Weaver was ordained bishop. He is a son of Min. and Mrs. Sam Weaver. His wife, Katie, is a daughter of Wm. Yutzy's of Jamesport, Missouri.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Daniel Beachy of LaGrange was ordained minister in Eli Lehman district in May. He is a son of Wm. and Malinda (Schwartz) Beachy. His wife, Edna, is a daughter of Levi J. and Mary W. (Bontrager) Schrock.

Amherst, Wisconsin

Enos P. Borntreger, 22, Amherst R2, was ordained minister on May 12th. He is a son of Phineas Borntreger. His wife, Katie, is a daughter of Ammon B. Millers. Others in the lot were Emmon W. Schmucker, Aaron Beachy, Harvey Stutzman, Daniel C. M. Borntreger, Freddie R. Borntrager, Sammie A. Miller and Ora Mullet.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Holladay, Tennessee

Esther, blind daughter of Joe Coblentz's, made a second trip to the hospital with pneumonia for this spring and stayed from June 2nd to the 8th. She was very sick for several weeks, even after she came home, but was some better by the last week of the month. She had been bedfast nearly all winter.

ALLEN CO., IND. BOY KICKED BY HORSE

Joseph, 8-year-old son of Sam and Lilly Graber, had the misfortune of getting kicked in the face by a horse. It happened a little ways from the barn and he ran back and was close to the barn when he fell down. His forehead bone was pushed in one half inch, he had to have surgery and was in intensive care a few days. By the end of the month he was home and getting along okay.

PA. MAN INJURED IN WOODS

Widower Levi D. Yoder of Reedsville, Pa. was seriously injured while working in the woods near Howard May 6th. He has two badly broken legs, 6 or 7 broken ribs, punctured lungs which had to be drained, and a back injury. He was in Lock Haven Hospital in intensive care three weeks, then transferred to Williamsport Hospital for further treatment.

MERCER CO., PA. YOUTH HURT IN FALL

Andy D. Coblentz, 18, fell sixteen feet while tearing down a building in Stoneboro, landing on his feet, fracturing his ankle and third vertebra. He was in the hospital ten days. With a back brace and crutches he is getting along real well.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY PATIENT BREAKS JAW

Joe T. Schwartz, 22, son of Christ M. Schwartz's, Berne R2, Ind., is a Muscular Dystrophy patient. On May 17th he fell and broke his jaw. He was treated at a Fort Wayne doctor's office where they wired his jaws together. He will have them like that for 3–4 weeks. The only way he can eat is liquids through a straw.

MIFFLIN CO., PA. ACCIDENT

Daniel K., age 12, son of Abraham Z. and Katie Peachey of Belleville, Pa. was on his way to the blacksmith shop to have his horse shod on June 28th. He, for some unknown reason, crossed the highway in front of an oncoming car. The horse was badly hurt and had to be killed and the carriage was demolished. Daniel has one leg broken below the knee and his other foot broken. He was taken to the Lewistown Hospital by ambulance. He has a walking cast on his broken foot and may walk with crutches.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Conewango Valley, N. Y.

Enos H. Miller was injured when his horses became unruly in the hay wagon throwing him off. He was taken to the hospital emergency room but released again, with a concussion, and is to keep quiet and not work for a while.

There have been two barn raisings in one week, on June 25th at John S. Millers and the 27th at Urie D. Millers. Johns took an old part of their barn down and built onto the other one, and Urie had taken all of his old one down and put up a completely new one. Both got the roof on the same day.

There has been a measle epidmic through here, some whole families down at once except parents and several families had one of those down too. In West Church District there were 70 down at once. Mrs. Levi D. (Rebecca) Miller was very sick and developed pneumonia and was in the hospital for about a week, also Miss Anna C. Kauffman had been in the hospital. Bennie Detweiler was treated and released, their daughter also spent a while there with measles. Mrs. John S. (Edna) Miller also had them, was not so sick but had a hard time getting well.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Reno County, Kansas

David Ray, son of Jacob Lee Yoder, was injured when he fell from the tractor which ran over part of his body. He was hospitalized with internal injuries and a ruptured liver, and was reported doing fine.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Bronson, Michigan

A son of Jacob Brandenbergers, who moved here from Camden, Michigan, had been severely burned from the waist down (3rd degree) by using gas in burning brush on their newly-bought farm, in May. He's been in the hospital since, but improving to the extent that he might come home soon. Expenses have exceded $18,000 and not finished yet.

REPORTERS! Please write on only one side of paper. Write your name and locality with the crop and weather report and your locality with each subject. Happenings that do not pertain to crops and weather shall be submitted as community notes.

Thank you. S. E. F.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

June came in with about two weeks of real summer weather, during which time a lot of good hay was put up. The latter part of the month was unusually wet and cool. Total rainfall for the month was 10.7 in. High temperature was 92 on June 10, lowest in the upper fifties. All grains are on shock, but no threshing done in June this year. Small grain looks good. Hay, what could be dried, is very good. Corn looks good where weeds are kept under control. More farmers are using chemical weed control for corn. We have not seen or heard any locusts around here. We have the largest flock of purple martins we have ever had. Their first young are flying.

St. Mary's County, Md., by Amos R. Stoltzfus

June came in wet, with two inches the first two days. Then we had some nice hay weather including 90 degree temperature, until June 12 a sudden storm came up about 4:00 catching some in the hayfield and leaving ½ in. rain. After that it became pretty dry until the 23rd we had 2'' and the last week another inch. Corn fields are looking real good. A lot of oats are on shock waiting for some drying wind. It has been cool the last few mornings.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 5.8 inches.

Market Report: Fat cattle $29 low and $42 high in two weeks time. Feeders $41 cwt.; veal $65 cwt.; fat hogs $25 low and up to $40 in less than two weeks; 40 lb. feeder pigs 40¢ lb.; dairy cows $445-$1025; Leghorn fowl 6¢ lb.; heavy fowl 18¢ lb.; roasters 38¢ lb.; eggs 45¢ doz.; potatoes $10 cwt.; ear corn $83 a ton, $3.05 bu.; wheat $3.75 bu.; barley $2.00 bu.; oats $1.70 bu.; old hay $30-$60 ton; new hay $25-$50 ton; straw $35-$44 ton.

by Ammon F. Fisher

June had a total of 8¼ in. rain. The first two weeks were nice for making hay and good for cultivating. The last ten days were too wet to work in the ground. We had over 7 inches rain in the last eleven days, but two miles north and east they didn't have nearly as much. One time the creek was almost bank full. It is very good growing weather, for weeds and all. June was mostly cool.

by Elam S. Beiler

Early corn is 45'' tall. No cultivating was done the last part of June as it was too wet. Some late corn was planted where hay or rye was taken off earlier. Most of the corn in this area was sprayed for weeds. A lot of good quality hay went into barns the first half of the month. It was a heavy crop and good haying weather. Quite a contrast from the past two years. Some are mowing second cutting alfalfa now. Tobacco transplanting was finished by the middle of the month and started nicely, except some had cutworm damage. A lot of farmers are starting bindering. Straw is long, heads look heavy, and standing well. Cherries were very plentiful and nice. Peas did well. Sweet corn is in tassels. Garden things all growing well, including the weeds.

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens Nissley

The weather in June was ideal growing weather. The forepart was a little dry, but the last two weeks have been wet with occasional showers. No hay weather, but lots of grass mowed down. Oats looks promising. Corn is slow growing, weeds seem to keep up with it. Strawberries are a good crop.

Lebanon County, Pa, by Levi S. King

The first three weeks of June were mostly warm and dry; the last week was cool and wet with 3.5'' of rain for the month. A lot of nice hay went into the barns this month.. The farmers who use Atrazine to control the weeds in the corn fields did not get quite as good results as usual, but those who still use the cultivators had a better chance this year due to dry weather.

Adams County, Pa, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

We had a total of 5 inches rain in June, with the most at one time on June 23. We had very warm weather the week of June 9, with the highest 94 on June 10, followed by a thunder shower in eve. That week was the best for haymaking, and farmers put in a lot of good hay. It is a good crop and makes as high as 150 bales per acre. We had much cloudy and cool weather with occasional showers the last two weeks. Those who still had some plowing to do and corn to plant had a chance to get it done and corn soon came up. Ringneck pheasants are plentiful and were a nuisance in the corn fields. We also have some worm damage on one of our fields. Sweet corn is coming in tassels. Raspberries were plentiful. Cherries are plentiful and are advertised: Pick your own $3 for an 8-qt. bucket. Sour cherries are also ripe. Sugar prices change all the time. The first part of June it was $2.11 for 10 lbs., latter part of June it was up to $2.69. A 5 lb. bag of rolled oats is 75¢, 25 lbs. of flour $3.19. The price paid to farmers for raw milk in cans dropped 55¢ a cwt. in May. Wheat prices dropped from $4.22 to $3.81 per bushel. Farmers are cutting wheat and making hay.

Franklin County, Pa, by Jacob E. Flaud

The early part of June we had ideal weather for making hay. It was cool for this time of year. Then the week of the 24th we had rain. Some hay was lying in the fields during this wet spell, but most of the hay was put in with no rain. Barley is on shock; corn looks good. Second crop alfalfa is almost ready to cut.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during June was mostly wet and more cool than hot. Total rainfall was 6½", which is 3" above normal. Hay was a very good crop, but much spoiled in the field and was not fit to put in, and very little was put in without any rain. Oats and corn look good and are a good stand. Wheat is now ready to cut and appears to be light in the grain. Garden things are very good, and cherries are a good crop; also blueberries and raspberries are doing good.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had some very nice hay weather in the beginning of June, and a lot of nice hay went into the barns. But then we had a lot of rain the last half, and here and there some spoiled hay. Still a little to make at the end of the month. Very good growing weather.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

The last half of June was somewhat wet, so that lots of hay got wet. Those that got their hay in early had better luck as the forepart was drier. We had around 6½ inches of rain, mostly in the last two weeks. Crops are looking very nice. We have lots of fruit.

Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

The beginning of June was warm and sunny; very nice days for making hay. No rain till June 10. The last two weeks were wet, making hay wet and unfit to put away. Days were warm, nights nice and cool. A total of 6.5 in. of rainfall, lowest temperature was 45 in the morning of June 16. Cherries are a little scarce this year due to the late frost. Strawberries and peas are a good crop. Strawberries selling from 55¢ to 70¢ a qt. Wheat is ripening fast, some barley is cut and on shock.

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather through June was very nice the first two weeks, from then on quite wet. We had about 6" of rain. Not much hay has been made the last two weeks. Strawberries are on the menu, but some are nearly past. They seemed to be a good crop. Peas are ready. A fair amount of cherries were received.

New Wilmington, Pa., by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

June was cool, mostly in the 50's in the mornings. Haying has started, but with frequent rains it was delayed a few times. Strawberries were a good crop, selling from 75¢ to 90¢. Eggs average 45¢ doz. Watermelons are in stores, selling at a high price. Sweet cherries from Erie are $5.50 a peck. Sweet corn isn't growing some places, second planting not very successful either. Looks like plenty of berries this year along roadsides and woods.

Conewango Valley, N.Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

May was cool and wet till towards the last week it turned hot and dry. June has been warm, cool, rainy, and again dry. Not much hay put up in June. Gardens doing well, although a late start. Beef and dairy cows remain at a high level; hogs have dropped some. Egg prices have also dropped and moved slow for a while but have been going better again.

Crawford Co. (Guys Mills), Pa., by Melvin D. Byler

Weather for June was nice the first part of the month, good haying weather. We had plenty of rain off and on throughout the month, with a heavy rain and sleet storm June 30. About two inches of rain fell in three hours. Most of the crops were slightly damaged in this area. Corn was shredded, gardens and oats fields damaged, some trees blown over, but no buildings blew over. Corn is about knee high, most oats are headed. Ear corn is selling for $80 a ton, oats for $1.65 a bu. which is very high. There is still a lot of hay to put up, also a lot of hay got wet. Second crop is coming good where it was cut early.

Crawford Co. (Conneautville), Pa., by Mrs Menno Fisher

We had nice hay weather the beginning of June, but the latter part of the month was rainy with several heavy thunderstorms. June 30 there was some flooding in the area, unusual for around here. There was also hail some places, some damaged buildings, fallen trees, electricity was off in some places for over 10 hours. Oats is starting to head, hay is a good crop, corn is fair. Gardens look very good. Strawberries, peas, and new potatoes are ready and are heavy crops.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The weather for June, the first nine days were very warm and without rain; from then on we had cool nights and plenty of Moisture. June 30 we had 8/10" Haymaking is at a standstill. Lots of good hay was put up the first week. Corn is fair, some very weedy. Oats looks excellent.

Geauga County, Ohio, by Mrs. Jerry E. Byler

We have had a warm June. The first half was rather dry, but the last two weeks we had rain nearly every day. Several mornings it was 45, but warmed up in the daytime. Strawberries are nearly past and were a good crop.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

June was a nice month as a whole, but we had some cool nights. The beginning of June was good hay weather, but the last few weeks it was not so good because of wet weather. There are some farmers that have not cut theirs yet; it seems to be getting plenty ripe for the first cutting. This week we had two inches of rain with some hail but not much damage. All markets came down some, but hogs jumped up again. Hogs $32, prime steers $42, calves $65. Milk also came down in some places. There seems to be a lot of building going on, too. Our vegetable growers in the black swamps are bringing their crops on the market with good prices.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

The first two weeks of June were warm and sunny. We were in need of rain. Then the rest of the month was cool, cloudy, and rainy; too wet to get nice hay in without rain. Corn prices are high: $6 a cwt. Beef and hogs are up in price at the present. Farmers are cultivating and putting in first cutting hay.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

The first half of June was dry and windy; the last part occasional showers, wonderful growing weather. Hay is a good crop, but some had difficulty in getting it dry between showers. Corn is a good stand, so is wheat and oats. Strawberries were a good crop. We had rain and hail on June 15 that did damage to crops at some places. Temperatures ranged from 42 to 80.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Crops look very good. Farmers are just finishing with the hay, and corn plowing. Wheat is ready to cut. Wheat and oats look very good. Some barley has been combined. The first half of June was good hay weather, but the last half was different. Some hay lay on the ground for two weeks.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

There was not much rain the first half of June; good haying weather. The last two weeks was opposite, with quite a few rainy days, some thunder showers. Pastures are good, oats looks promising, wheat about ripe

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

June was a little cool, real good growing weather. Forepart of the month was good hay weather; the last two weeks very little was taken up. No heavy rains, but almost daily showers. Small grain looks good, so does corn, except where it is too wet. Wheat is about ready to cut, with binder. The hog prices made history again, came down to $24 cwt. Channels seemed full of meat. Then they came out with a survey that the hog population was on a decrease. They went up $1 to $5 a day, on up to $42 in two weeks time. I don't understand where they get their figures. Cattle are still cheap, so are eggs. Our local store is selling grade A small eggs at 3 dozen for 69¢.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

June has been a cool month. We had showers just as they were needed it seemed. It was hard to get the hay in with showers almost every day. Strawberries are almost over, which was a good crop. Peas are ready. Wheat and oats will soon be harvested.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

The temperature for June was cooler than normal, with a low of 48. We had regular showers throughout the month, which was very good for the oats, wheat, hay, and corn; and are looking to be a better than average crop. Due to the many showers, there is still alot of hay to be made in July.

Centreville, Michigan

June had more rainy days than sunshine. We had a wind storm that took many trees June 13. Some places had hail the size of golf balls on June 8. It was poor hay weather, but good for other things. Corn is $3 a bu., fat hogs are 40¢.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

The first half of June was dry. Around the middle of the month we had about 3 inches of rain, which helped the crops along. The last part was moderate. Farmers are busy in hay fields and cultivating corn. First cutting hay looks good this year. Corn is coming along well considering the late plantings. Oats is heading, but not doing too well.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The first three weeks of June were cool with cold rains about every day. The fourth week it turned warmer with severe electrical storms. Phones and power lines have been out of order for over a week. No tornadoes in this area for the month, but many funnels have been sighted south of us. Hay making has been quite a problem till the last week. Wheat fields are a tangled mess. Some fields are down as much as 50-60%. Other crops look good so far.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

June was a chilly month. We had some rainy weather which made it hard to get hay in without being rained on. Thunderstorms occurred on nine days. The high was 89 on June 20 and the low was 49.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

June was cooler and wetter than normal. The warmest day of the month was on the 20th when the temperature reached 90 degrees, and, strangely enough, the coolest day came just four days later when the temperature dropped to 47 degrees. The 47 degree reading was a record for so late in the month of June. Presumably the heating season ends about the 20th of May, but there were several days during June when "fire in the stove was a must." Figures are: High, 90 on the 20th; Low, 47 on the 24th; Rainfall, 4.21 inches; 9 clear days, 17 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy, 9 rainy days; and 3 thunderstorms.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

The first few days in June were sunny and it was getting quite dry, but on the fifth we had showers. It was real warm June 9, but turned chilly next day. On the 14th we had a hard shower and lightning. Tornado warnings were out but no damage. June 20 we had heavy wind and rain storm, but no severe damage. On the 22nd more hard showers which did not help the hay makers, but the sun again dried it and most farmers are occupied thus with a good crop. Some wheat is down. Oats looks nice and is in heads. Strawberries were a good crop, nice and big and good! Women are busy with gardens, and the weeds keep us from getting lazy! Lawns look nice.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

June started in cool. In the afternoon of the fifth a tornado did some damage to corn cribs and trees. We had showers every day for the next week and a half, very windy from the west. Evening of June 20 a tornado did a lot of tree damage in entire county, also some factory and trailer home damage. With all the rains, it is hard to make hay, but a very good producing season for peas. Other garden things look good also. Early potatoes are in full bloom.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of June was rather unusual, Mostly cool and damp. The high temperature was 85 on the fourth, and the low was 47 on June 12. It rained eleven times for a total of 4 inches. The air seemed humid, making it hard to get hay dry enough. Most hay lay in the field from ten days to two weeks before it was fit to put up. Corn seems to be lagging behind a little this year, due to cool nights and late planting.

Wheat looks good and is ripening fast. Oats doesn't look like it is going to be a real heavy crop. Soybeans are a little small for this time of the year. Hay turned out well, and pastures are very good.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

June had a few warm days with the temperature close to 90, but was mostly cool and wet, one morning at 48. June 23 we had about 2½ inches of rain putting ponds in the fields that had water in them yet from earlier high water. There was a lot of corn planted the last three days of June. There are quite a few beans to plant yet. Corn is not up to normal for the time of year. Some fields have damaged places in them which will probably be sown to beans.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

We still have plenty of moisture. We had 6.3 in. of rain in June with most of it on the 22nd. The rest was small showers. The last of the crops were planted about June 12. Not very many days to work in the fields the middle and last of the month. No good hay weather, although the hay is a good crop. Most of first cutting is made. Crops look pretty good, though there are spots that drowned out. Early corn is shoulder to waist high. Wheat is being cut, and some planted right to soybeans yet. Oats is starting to turn color and looks to be a real good crop. Warmest for the month was 88 on June 20, and the coldest morning was 47 on the 17th. June was mostly cool.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

The first week of June we had over 5 inches of rain with some high winds. Then we had some real nice weather to harvest wheat. The last week has been exceptionally cool, in the upper 50's at night. Corn is tasseling and getting ears. Early beans look nice and late beans are being planted. The wheat price has been very unsteady, as high as $4.40 per bu.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

We had a lot of nice weather in June, giving the farmers the opportunity to harvest wheat and plant that back in beans. Yield was down, only 25 to 40 bu. per acre, due to our cool spring. It is turning dry now with only ½ inch rain in the last three weeks. Wheat is up to $4, hogs back up to $40.

Holladay, Tennessee, by Mrs. Joseph Coblentz

The first half of June was quite wet. We had lots of rain the first week or ten days. Then it got nice with only an occasional shower. Folks got the rest of their crops in the ground and made hay. Hay was of good quality and lots of it. We had some real nice clover hay that made 100 bales to the acre or better, and sold some right out of the field for $2 a bale. Temperatures were cool most of the month which made it more comfortable to make hay, too. One day the last week of June, we had 75 degrees at mid-day! We usually have from 90 to 100 degrees during most of June. By the end of the month, we are needing some rain again to freshen up gardens and fields, and to help the newly planted crops. Cattle and hog prices, which had been way down, are going up again. Feed and other prices had stayed up, which was rough on the farmer.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

May was a pretty nice month. Corn and milo seem to be getting a fairly good start even though it is cooler than usual. A few of the earlier farmers are planting soybeans. Strawberries were a good crop but the bearing period was short.

June had plenty of moisture the first week, on the 8th we had a hard rain, and no more throughout June, locally. We had a tornado locally, destroying a barn. Farmers were planting soybeans and harvesting wheat. Yields were reported from poor to very good. Raspberries and wild dewberries were a good crop.

Reno County (Partridge), Kansas, by Edward Mast

June temperatures were moderate with only a few real warm days. The first half of the month we had some nice rains, then it dried off and harvest was without interruptions. As a whole, wheat was a good crop, but in this area hail took about 50% of it, leaving about 15 to 20 bu. per acre. Milo planting and harvesting came pretty much on a pile because of rains earlier. Secondcutting hay is a good crop.

Reno County (Haven), Kansas, by Enos E. Schrock

June was a busy month for Kansas farmers, with very changeable weather. Temperatures from 54 to 107. Lots of milo, maize, and Atlas sorghum were planted, and acre after acre of Kansas golden wheat was harvested. The yield was not as good as some years due to weather conditions.

Pike County, Missouri, by George Yoder

We have had a late spring. The wet weather lasted until the middle of June. Some are still not done planting. Wheat cutting with binders is done and combines are starting. Wheat heads are not filled so well this year, perhaps too much rain at blooming time. Many oats fields were also too wet at one time. Lots of pasture, hay is good and heavy and is being put in now. A few have cultivated early corn, but corn is mostly small yet, and some is just coming up.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

It was very wet the first part of June, making it hard to get the hay in. Some lay out a week to ten days. The rain helped the second cutting. However, there was lots of good hay made. What little corn is planted through here looks good so far. Wheat and oats are not the best this year. Some of the Amish buy their grain direct from the truckers, by the semi load. Mostly corn, but some oats and milo. The last half of June turned dry almost overnight it seemed, and is getting very dry already. Dry summers are the nature of this locality. The natives say the rocks have a tendency to dry up the ground much faster, but this also warms up the soil quicker in the spring.

By Mrs. Paul Wagler

The first weeks of June we had a lot of rain, which made poor haymaking weather. Now the last two weeks were dry and sunny. Most farmers are finished making hay. The hay crop was good. Strawberries made a fair crop, but a short one because of so much rain. Blackberries are ripening and are plentiful.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Bontreger

June had rather cool winds with plenty of moisture the forepart of the month, and since we had very little rain. Some corn and beans had to be replanted, that were planted in May. Lots of fields have a poor stand, being drowned out in low places. The high for the month was 96 on June 20, and the low was 52 on June 16. Wheat is being threshed, oats cut, and haying mostly over. All were mostly good crops. Hog market is uncertain, was in the low $20's in the middle of June, and at present is up to $40. Milk price down to $5.20 for 4% test.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The wet spell of May lasted till the middle of June. The last two weeks it has been clear, with many acres of corn and beans being planted. The first cutting hay is mostly in, and many are getting their barns full. Wheat is yielding good, oats is ready to cut. A good rain again would be welcome.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We didn't have any rain since June 11, so it is getting rather dry. Corn, however, is not suffering yet. Some beans were planted the last week in June. Much hay was put up without rain. Wheat is in shock. Oats cutting has started.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

We had ample moisture the first two weeks of June, but it has dried off fast with our warm and windy days. It is very dry now and will need moisture soon to save corn crop. Our dry weather has seen lots of hay made yet, also fescue seed combined. We had very high winds or a tornado June 6, taking quite a few trees, and overturned an almost new house trailer near here. None of our group had serious damage. No thrashing has been done as most folks were still in hay fields. Winter grain looked good, but oats does not. It apparently had some disease before it headed. Blackberries look to be a good crop IF we get rain.

Fortuna, Missouri, by Menno C. Miller

We had ample rain the first two weeks, but no measureable rainfall since. It is getting dry on top, but no crop damage yet. Second cutting hay is ready, corn is tasseling. Wheat was a good crop, but some oats fields are poor because of rust and blight, others not affected. Women are canning pickles, beets, beans, etc.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather has been rainy through most of June, although there were nine days of ideal hay weather. There was much wind storm and very sharp lightning included in the rain. There were at least seven head of cattle killed by lightning among the Amish here, and two calves killed when an old crib blew over on them.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had good growing weather in June, plenty of rainfall. On June 20 there was a severe wind storm with rain. The temperature dropped from 95 degrees to 65 in a few minutes. There were a few tornadoes during the month. A town close to Des Moines was totally destroyed, two persons killed. The last week in June we had sunny days and good hay weather. Most of the hay was put in the last week. Hog prices soared again to 40¢ a lb. or better. Milk prices are dropping some.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

June was a wet month. The last corn is just planted, still some beans to plant. Some of the first corn is laid by. It has been cool for June except the last few days. Total rainfall was 5 inches or more. Just enough showers to keep farmers out of the field after a wet latter part of May. Hog prices went from $23 to $38, corn $3, beans $5.67.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker, Jr.

June was fair with quite cool weather. June 15-17 we had around 55 degrees. The first part of June was more wet. The last weeks were getting to be dry. Then on June 29 we had a real downpour. Hay making started, and strawberries the week of June 24.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry Miller

This month we had a lot of rain again. The last few days were nice haying weather. Strawberries are a fair crop. Some bottom lands are too wet to plant.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Weather for June was cool and rainy, showers almost every day, with a warm sunny day now and then. Farmers are making hay, which is a good crop. Weather at first was not favorable, but is now good haying weather. Oats is heading out. Corn that is planted looks nice. Some lower fields where the soil is heavy have not been planted due to wet weather. Gardens are growing nice. Strawberries are a good crop, sell- for 50¢ and 60¢ a quart.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

June was wet and cool for the first half. On June 14 we had hail the size of golf balls, broke out several windows and stripped some gardens and fruit trees. The last week in June was nice for haying which really put everybody to work. Strawberries, lettuce, radishes, and peas are on the menu. Oats is heading. Markets are some better. Calves $45 to $52, beef steer, choice $36 to $39, butcher cows $29 to $32.50, hogs $32.75 to $34, milk $6.27 for 3.5 test.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Amos U. Gingerich

The first part of June we had frequent showers and very warm, sunny days. Vernon County was hit by a heavy rain, wind, and hail storm on June 14. Some crops were damaged. Hail at some places was the size of golf balls. Some roofs were damaged. Tornado clouds were spotted in the sky. The last week in June we had beautiful sunshine every day, just right for making hay. A lot of hay was put up. Corn is growing, also gardens. Strawberries are at their best.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock

We had nice weather in June. Lots of nice alfalfa hay was put up; some are not done yet. Lots of corn cultivating is being done. We had just about the right amount of rain to keep things growing nice. On June

20 it rained enough to delay field work and haying quite a bit. There was a storm then that passed just south of our settlement. It blew some trees down, also some hail with it.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

We have had beautiful summer weather in June, with lots of rain and mostly cool. People are trying to make hay between showers. Gardens are doing fine so far. Strawberries are being canned, very nice large berries this year.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

June had been very dry until June 12 when we received a light shower. This was followed by more rain until we had over 3 inches by the 21st. Coupled with the rain was a cool spell which was hard on corn. Corn is behind in growth in comparison to other years. Haying is well started now as we've had two days of hay weather. Late oats is slow, too, but the early oats is heading out. Strawberries are a fair crop with early prices 75¢ per qt, now 60¢ to 65¢.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We had very changeable weather throughout the month of June. It was very dry until we had rain on June 8.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

June started in warm and dry. On June 15 we had 1.8 inches rain in two days. The week of the 21st was cool. Total rainfall for June was 2.8 inches. Strawberries are a good crop and sell for 60¢ a qt. Hay is a bit light. It sells in the field at 40¢ per bale and you make it. Early grain is heading.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

We had quite a bit of rain in June. Haying is on its way, but most people got it washed off. Strawberries are slacking off; had a good crop this year.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

The first week in June we had mostly sunny and warm. The rest of the month was very changeable. We often had rain several days in succession, then a day or two with none. Everything grew rapidly with all the moisture and warm weather. On June 26, we had hail the size of peas and bigger. No noticeable damage was done. Farmers are having a hard time to get their hay dried. Strawberries seem to be a good crop. Peas will likely be on the menu soon.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

The first part of June was fairly warm and dry. Late planted corn was slow in coming. Haying was started around the 20th, but the latter part of the month was cool and wet, and any that had been cut got lots of rain. Hay seems to be a good crop, but alfalfa weevils are causing some damage. Because of the late spring most crop are behind, but growing.

Community Note – Anabel, Missouri

Lydia, age 21, daughter of Sam W. and Rebecca (Yoder) Schrock of Macon R2, Mo., had an operation April 8, to put in a new hip joint. She has been bothered with Arthritis for eight years, which affected most of her joints and left her a cripple. She is coming along fine and is able to walk better.

COMMUNITY NOTE, by Ora A. Graber

Bronson, Mich. – One mile from here along a newly dug ditch they found a head with very long teeth, somewhat like an elephant. Students and scientists intend to dig this summer for more bones, so they can identify it. They already predicted that this animal probably lived a million years ago. This, of course, is before my time to witness, but why do men know more than God and the BibleM

We think things are getting tough, but when we think back to the thirties, we realize we're living at a high pace now which wasn't possible then. We lived off of the farm, and stayed at home and weren't traveling all over the country and hiring cars to go all over. Neither did we have the machinary and household items then, which we have on the list now as a must.

We have twenty families now in this area. Our church was organized in the spring of 1971 by five families.

MILROY, IND. ACCIDENTS

May 22, Amos, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Coblentz, broke his leg in three places while riding a horse. The horse slipped and fell. He is getting along okay on crutches.

May 28, Elton, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hostetler, broke his arm while trying to do some stunts (some kind of turnovers) by flipping in the front yard. He is getting along all right with his arm being in a cast.

Community Note – Wadena, Minn., by Wm. Schrock

Our son, William W. Schrock, had some excitement when burning off some old hay land that was in the soil bank for the last eight years, on the farm they just bought, and moved on this spring. I came there just at the right time to help guard the building. The fire ran up a high line post till out of our reach, but we got it out, Thank The Lord!

MIGRATIONS

Atlee Wengerds moved from Fredericksburg R2 to Ashland R5, Ohio

Emanuel Schrocks moved from Ashland R5 to Milton, Iowa

Henry B. Millers moved from Fredericksburg R2 to Ashland R1, Ohio

Mose Bontragers moved from Buchanan County, Iowa to Clark, Missouri, March 5

Eli Mullets moved from Buchanan County, Iowa to Cashton, Wisconsin in March.

Sam R. Yoders and 6 children moved from Mifflintown R2 to Aylmer, Ontario, April 3

Pre. Abe J. Borntragers and son moved from Holmes Co., Ohio to the Danville settlement, Fredericktown R1, O.

Pre. Mose Nisleys moved from Clark West District to the Danville, Ohio area.

Alvin L. Yoders moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to Hewitt, Minnesota.

Levi A. Miller moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to Hewitt, Minn. He has his home at Noah P. Borntregers.

OUR SENIOR MEMBERS BORN IN OR BEFORE 1894

Dover, Delaware

Aug. 23, 1880 – Daniel S. Mast, Dover, R2, Dela.
May 23, 1884 – Manasses Slaubaugh, Wyoming R1
Aug. 24, 1884 – Dea. John M. Beachy, Dover R2
Oct. 14, 1885 – Annie, widow of Stephen King Wyoming R1
Feb. 21, 1886 – Eva, widow of Henry S. Miller, Dover R2
Nov. 6, 1889 – Bishop Eli S. Miller, Dover R2
Apr. 28, 1891 – John J. Yoder, Dover R6
Jul. 12, 1892 – Henry S. Mast, Dover R2
May 27, 1893 – Mary (Miller), wife of John J. Yoder, Dover R6
Mar. 11, 1894 – Elizabeth (Miller), wife of Henry S. Mast, Dover R2
Mar. 13, 1894 – Mary (Yoder), wife of Manasses Slaubaugh, Wyoming R1

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Aug. 15, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel Zook Mechanicsville R2, Md.

Stuarts Draft, Virginia

May 12, 1879 – John B. Yoder, Stuarts Draft, Va.
Dec. 10, 1881 – Sarah Yoder, Stuarts Draft, Va.
March17, 1885 – Lydianne Stutzman, Stuarts Draft, Va.
March17, 1885 – Peter J. Kinsinger, Staunton, Va.
April 14, 1887 – Mrs. Gid Byler, Staunton, Va.
May 26, 1887 – Ed Mast, Stuarts Draft, Va.
July 1, 1889 – Jake Stutzman
Aug. 16, 1889 – Noah Mast, Stuarts Draft, Va.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Men

Sept. 19, 1880 – Moses B. King, Honey Brook R1
March16, 1882 – Daniel S. King, Narvon R2, Pa.
Feb. 17, 1883 – Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.
Jan 7, 1885 – Moses Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.
July 5, 1885 – John M. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa.
Sept. 3, 1885 – Henry U. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.
May 3, 1886 – Amos R. Glick, Geist Rd., Lancaster
June 30, 1886 – David B. Zook, Bird-in-Hand R1,
Dec. 14, 1886 – Henry B. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
Aug. 1, 1887 – Amos U. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
Oct. 28, 1887 – Isaac B. Zook, Christiana R1, Pa.
Sept. 21, 1888 – Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.
Nov. 17, 1888 – Jacob B. Lapp, Gordonville R1
Dec. 10, 1888 – Aaron Esh, Leola R1, Pa.
Jan. 21, 1889 – Christian M. Lapp, New Holland R2
Nov. 20, 1889 – Noah D. Zook, Old Phila. Pike, Lanc.
Jan. 7, 1890 – Stephen K. Fisher, Honey Brook R1
Jan. 19, 1890 – John F. Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1
Jan. 28, 1890 – David B. Fisher, Christiana R1
Feb. 21, 1890 – Daniel U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1
March11, 1890 – Ezra D. Beiler, Ronks R1
March30, 1890 – Christian S. Beiler, Gordonville R1
Aug. 18, 1890 – Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1
Oct. 6, 1890 – Daniel B. Esh, Gordonville R1
Nov. 11, 1890 – Jeptha Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3
Dec. 14, 1890 – Daniel L. Esh, Ronks R1, Pa.
June 26, 1891 – Eli S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.
June 27, 1891 – Moses S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.
Sept. 7, 1891 – Emanuel S. Stoltzfus, Churchtown
Oct. 3, 1891 – Isaac S. King, Newport Rd., Leola
Nov. 25, 1891 – Josiah L. Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.
July 13, 1892 – John R. Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.
Aug. 27, 1892 – Jonathan Zook, Gridley Rd., Lanc.
Nov. 24, 1892 – Benj. S. Esh, Newport Rd., Leola
July 14, 1893 – Daniel K. Smoker, Ronks R1
Sept. 15, 1893 – Abram L. Beiler, Kinzers R1
Sept. 24, 1893 – Benjamin M. Kauffman, Christiana R1
Feb. 23, 1994 – Levi E. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1
Sep. 8, 1894 – Elam B. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1

Women

Sept. 25, 1872 – Salina, widow of Enos Stoltzfus Lancaster R4, Pa.
July 23, 1877 – Barbara Zook, Lancaster R4, Pa.
March 7, 1878 – Barbara, wife of Daniel K. Smoker Ronks R1, Pa.
Feb. 16, 1884 – Fannie, widow of David M. King Kinzers R1, Pa.
July 14, 1884 – Arie, widow of Benjamin E. Stoltzfus Kirkwood R1, Pa.
Dec. 25, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel E. Stoltzfus Bird-in-Hand, Pa.
May 30, 1885 – Emma, widow of Jonas E. Stoltzfus Narvon R1, Pa.
July 3, 1886 – Fannie, wife of Amos U. Stoltzfus Ronks R1, Pa.
Oct. 24, 1887 – Sallie, widow of Joseph E. Stoltzfus Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
May 12, 1888 – Rachel, wife of Moses Lapp Gap R1, Pa.
Dec. 25, 1888 – Mary, widow of Daniel Stoltzfus Leola R1, Pa.
Jan. 4, 1889 – Fannie, wife of Amos R. Glick 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
Jan. 29, 1890 – Emma, wife of John F. Smoker East Earl R1, Pa.
Aug. 6, 1890 – Rebecca, widow of Samuel Smucker Gordonville R1, Pa.
Aug. 28, 1890 – Annie, wife of Amos L. Beiler Narvon R2, Pa.
Dec. 17, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Jacob F. Lapp Gap R1, Pa.
Jan. 14, 1891 – Annie, widow of John B. Miller Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
Dec. 8, 1891 – Barbara, wife of John R. Beiler Kinzers R1, Pa.
Jan. 17, 1892 – Rebecca, widow of Daniel M. Fisher Lancaster R4, Pa.
April 19, 1892 – Emma, widow of Jesse Lapp Gordonville R1, Pa.
Sept. 7, 1892 – Annie, wife of Sam E. Stoltzfus Gordonville R1, Pa.
Dec. 23, 1892 – Katie, widow of Henry F. Stoltzfus Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
Jan. 8, 1893 – Lydia, wife of Josiah L. Beiler Kinzers R1
Jan. 31, 1893 – Fannie, wife of Emanuel S. Stoltzfus Churchtown
March19, 1893 – Lydia, widow of Jonathan L. Beiler Quarryville R3
April 16, 1893 – Cora, wife of Christ Lapp, Intercourse

June 21, 1893 – Rachel, wife of Christ Lapp, New Holland R2
Aug. 5, 1893 – Mary, wife of Isaac B. Zook, Christiana R1
Dec. 30, 1893 – Annie, widow of Isaac P. Stoltzfus Gordonville R1
Jun. 14, 1894 – Malinda, widow of Abner Stoltzfus and Joel King, Bird-in-Hand R1
Nov. 3, 1894 – Fannie, widow of Simeon G. Stoltzfus Quarryville R3

COUPLES AGE 80 AND OVER

Marriage date
Nov. 25, 1909 – Amos R. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Glick 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
Nov. 24, 1910 – Amos L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Beiler Narvon R2, Pa.
Nov. 29, 1910 – Moses and Rachel (Blank) Lapp Gap R1, Pa.
Dec. 14, 1911 – Amos U. and Fannie (Lapp) Stoltzfus Ronks R1, Pa.
Nov. 27, 1913 – Emanuel S. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Churchtown
Nov. 13, 1913 – Christian M. and Rachel)Lapp) Lapp, New Holland R2
Nov. 19, 1914 – Josiah L. and Lydia (Smoker) Beiler, Kinzers R1
Dec. 10, 1918 – Isaac B. and Mary (King) Zook, Christiana R1
– Daniel K. and Barbara (Hostetler) (King) Smoker, Ronks R1
Dec. 3, 1959 – John R. and Barbara (Smoker) King, Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.
March26, 1963 – Samuel E. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Petersheim, Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Oct. 17, 1889 – Menno D. Swarey
Oct. 30, 1893 – Elam G. Stoltzfus

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

April 3, 1887 – Miss Katie M. Peachey
April 8, 1887 – Samuel Sharp
May 2, 1888 – Mary, widow of Josiah H. Peachey
Oct. 24, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Bish. Noah D. Yoder
Katie M. Peachey and Widow Lizzie Yoder are sisters.

Belleville, Pennsylvania (by Jesse D. Spicher)

Apr. 16, 1883 – Jacob S. Zook, Belleville
Oct. 15, 1885 – Joe E. Byler, Selinsgrove
Nov. 21, 1887 – Mary E. (Kauffman) Byler, Hostetler, Belleville
Nov. 2, 1890 – Ada E. (Zook), wife of Joe E. Byler, Selinsgrove
Nov. 7, 1891 – Mattie (King) Hostetler, Belleville
Jul. 12, 1892 – John B. Byler, Belleville
Jan. 13, 1893 – Jemima L. (Peachey) Renno, Belleville
Jun. 26, 1894 – Benjamin K. Byler, Belleville

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Nov. 21, 1881 – Benjamin S. Summy, Meyersdale c/o Menno J. Yoder
Mar. 19, 1887 – Mrs. Samuel U. Yoder, Salisbury
Aug. 10, 1887 – Urias A. Kinsinger, Salisbury
Feb. 16. 1890 – Mrs. Mary J. Yoder, Grantsville, Md.
Nov. 22, 1892 – Albert U. Yoder, Grantsville, Md.
Jul. 24, 1895 – Mrs. Albert U. Yoder, Grantsville
They were married 60 years on June 28.

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

Oct. 3, 1881 – Isaac Y. Byler, New Wilmington
May 12, 1887 – John B. Kurtz, Volant R3
Oct. 9, 1888 – Jacob S. Byler, New Wilmington
Sept. 23, 1891 – Mrs. Fannie Kurtz, New Wilmington
May 24, 1890 – Mrs. Anna M. Byler, New Wilmington
July 15, 1891 – Mrs. Jonathan D. Byler, New Wilmington R1
Dec. 12, 1892 – John E. Byler, New Wilmington
May 2, 1893 – Jonathan D. Byler, New Wilmington R1

Conewango Valley, New York

Oct. 2, 1889 – Ben Y. Yoder, age 83
Feb. 14, 1891 – Bishop Ben L. Shetler, age 82

Geauga County, Ohio

May 12, 1886 – John J. Fisher
April 1, – Lizzie Ann (Mullet), widow of Mose Troyer
Nov. – Joe S. Weaver
– Amanda Y. (Byler) Stutzman, 84

Holmes County, Ohio

May 27, 1881 – Mrs. Susan (Zook) Schlabach, Sugar Creek, c/o Bishop Andy N. Troyer
Jul. 15, 1882 – Emanuel B. Miller, Millersburg R5 c/o Henry E. Miller
Oct. 23, 1882 – Samuel B. Weaver, Millersburg R5
Dec. 8, 1882 – Mrs. Mose D. (Susan) Wengerd, Millersburg R5
Mar. 4, 1883 – Mrs. Levi D. (Mary) Raber, Millersburg R5
Aug. 12, 1883 – Henry J. Raber, Millersburg R4
Jan. 2, 1884 – Bishop Jacob J. Mast, Millersburg R5
Aug. 20, 1884 – Mrs. Joe S. (Lydia) Miller, Fredericksburg R1
Nov. 7, 1884 – Levi T. Weaver, Fredericksburg R2
Nov. 11, 1884 – Mose N. Yoder, Millersburg R5
Jun. 29, 1887 – Mrs. Anna Yoder, Benton Star Rt.
Jun. 4, 1888 – Mrs. Sam D. (Susan) Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Jun. 22, 1888 – Mrs. Steve S. (Mary) Miller, Millersburg Star Route
Aug. 24, 1888 – John E. Miller, Holmesville R1
Feb. 22, 1889 – Mrs. Levi T. (Mary) Weaver, Fredericksburg R2
May 10, 1889 – Samuel J. Schlabach, Fredericksburg R1
Jan. 3, 1890 – Mrs. Yost J. (Susan) Miller, Millersburg R5
Jan. 3, 1890 – Mrs. Susan (Weaver) Miller, Sugar Creek, c/o Bishop Monroe Y. Miller
Jan. 21, 1890 – John E. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2
Feb. 9, 1890 – Deacon Simon J. Beachy, Sugar Creek1
Jan. 17, 1891 – Fred D. Yoder, Sugar Creek c/o Dan M. Beachy
May 31, 1891 – Mrs. Simon J. (Lizzie Miller) Sugar Creek R1
Jun. 3, 1891 – Mrs. Andy (Mattie) Burkholder, Millersburg R5

SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued

Holmes County, Ohio, Continued

Aug. 13, 1891 – Michael J. Yoder, Dundee R2
Sep. 30, 1891 – Mrs. Dan J. Schlabach (Mary) Fredericksburg R2
Nov. 22, 1891 – Mrs. Alfred C. (Sevilla) Yoder, Millersburg R5
Jan. 26, 1892 – Mrs. Lovina Troyer, Fredericksburg R2
Apr. 28, 1892 – Levi L. Yoder, Sugar Creek R2
Jul. 10, 1892 – Mrs. Mary (Miller) Troyer, Sugar Creek R1, c/o Emra A. Troyer
Jul. 27, 1892 – Adam E. Yoder, Millersburg Star Rt.
Nov. 25, 1892 – Mrs. Levi S. (Mary) Mast, Fredericksburg R2
Mar. 11, 1893 – Andrew Kaufman, Millersburg R5
Mar. 20, 1893 – Mrs. Joe E. (Bena) Kline, Millersburg R4
Jun. 13, 1893 – Pre. William T. Weaver, Fredericksburg R2
Nov. 25, 1893 – Mrs. Joe C. D. Miller, Fredericksburg 2
Dec. 12, 1893 – Mrs. John E. (Mary Ann Miller), Fredericksburg R2
Feb. 5, 1894 – Joas Troyer, Fredericksburg R2
Apr. 4, 1894 – Mrs. Adam E. (Lydia Ann) Yoder Millersburg Star Route
Apr. 24, 1894 – Mrs. Sam A. (Susan Ann) Yoder, Sugarcreek
Apr. 24, 1894 – Mrs. Jacob P. (Lizzie Ann) Barkman Sugarcreek R1
Jun. 27, 1894 – Mrs. Eli A. (Sarah) Miller, Millersburg R4
– Mrs. Katie Ann (Beachy) Hershberger Sugar Creek, c/o Dan D. Hershberger

Ashland County, Ohio

Jan. 23, 1883 – John Keim, Ashland, age 90
Jan. 14, 1891 – Isaac Yoder, Greenwich, age 82

Adams County, Indiana

Nov. 13, 1885 – Mrs. Christian P. Neuenschwander Berne R2
June 17, 1887 – Mrs. Samuel J. Christner, Geneva R1
May 27. 1888 – Samuel J. Christner, Geneva R1
July 5, 1889 – Christian P. Neuenschwander, Berne R2
Jan. 22, 1889 – Daniel J. Schwartz, Geneva R2
Sept. 20, 1890 – Mrs. Margaret P. Schwartz, Geneva R1
Nov. 22, 1890 – Mrs. Anna J. Schwartz, Berne R2
1890 – Mrs. Rachel Steckly, Geneva R2
June 6, 1892 – Mrs. Barbara J. Eicher, Monroe R1
Dec. 7, 1893 – John J. Schwartz, Monroe R1
Dec. 8, 1893 – Joseph L. Schwartz, Monroe R1

MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE

Marriage Date
Oct. 12, 1907 – Samuel J. and Elizabeth (Miller) Christner, Geneva R1
Dec. 23, 1915 – Joseph L. and Elizabeth (Wickey) Schwartz, Monroe R1
Dec. 28, 1919 – Jacob L. and Mandy (Herschberger) Shetler, Monroe R1
Nov. 20, 1921 – Alvin J. and Lydia (Hochstetler) Yoder, Berne R2
Feb. 8, 1923 – John and Katie (Coblentz) Hilty, Geneva R2

LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, Indiana

Dec. 17, 1875 – Samuel J. Christner, Shipshewana R2
Jan. 16, 1878 – Mrs. Sam Y. (Anna) Lehman, LaGrange
Oct. 3, 1879 – Mrs. Abner (Barbara) Miller Millersburg, Ind.
Jan. 24, 1881 – Mrs. Jacob J. (Fannie) Lambright Topeka R1, Ind.
March 8, 1881 – Menno J. Bontrager, Middlebury,
Aug. 16, 1882 – Mrs. Joe N. (Delilah) Bontrager Millersburg R1, Ind.
Sept. 23, 1883 – Mrs. Uriah (Rebecca) Miller Shipshewana R1, Ind.
Jan. 29, 1883 – Mrs. Joseph (Fannie) Slabach Middlebury R2, Ind.
Feb. 8, 1883 – John I . Bontrager, Shipshewana, Ind.
Oct. 15, 1883 – Joseph H. Yoder, Middlebury, Ind.
Oct. 18, 1883 – Mrs. Noah N. (Lizzie) Miller, Goshen R1, Ind.
Dec. 12, 1883 – Mrs. Edward (Anna) Hochstetler, Howe
June 4, 1884 – Jacob R. Miller, Middlebury R1
Jan. 31, 1885 – Mrs. Ben (Lizzie) Bontrager, Topeka
Feb. 19, 1885 – Dea. Moses F. Miller, Millersburg R1
May 22, 1886 – Andrew Eash, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
July 29, 1886 – Mrs. David V. (Maryann) Hochstetler Topeka R1, Ind.
July 31, 1886 – John A. Miller, Howe R3, Ind.
Nov. 15, 1886 – Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Bontrager Middlebury R1, Ind.
April 26, 1887 – Al J. Kauffman, Middlebury R1, Ind.
May 10, 1887 – Mrs. Al J. (Clara) Kauffman, Middleb.
Nov. 6, 1887 – Mrs. Levi (Mary) Mast, Topeka R2,
Dec. 16, 1887 – Osa Schlabach, Goshen R1, Ind.
July 14, 1888 – David J. Kauffman, Shipshewana
Nov. 4, 1888 – Mrs. David R. (Lydia) Bontrager Millersburg R1, Ind.
Dec. 13, 1888 – Mrs. Henry L. (Susie) Miller, Topeka
March 2, 1889 – Servin J. Kauffman, Middlebury R2
April 8, 1889 – Mrs. Mose D. (Barbara) Glick, Goshen
Sept. 4, 1889 – Mrs. Andrew (Lydia) Miller Middlebury R1
Sept. 5, 1889 – Samuel J. Barkman, LaGrange R4
Sept. 27, 1889 – Levi E. Miller, Shipshewana, Ind.
Nov. 1, 1889 – Dea. Ervin J. Miller, LaGrange R1
Nov. 30, 1889 – Dea. Menno E. Hershberger Topeka R1, Ind.
Feb. 4, 1890 – Dea. Levi B. Hostetler Shipshewana R1, Ind.
March 4, 1890 – Mrs. Menno J.S. (Susie) Yoder Topeka R2, Ind.
Sept. 1, 1890 – Jacob S. Schlabach, Topeka R2
Nov. 18, 1890 – Bish. Dan B. Bontrager, LaGrange R4

COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE

Marriage date
Nov. 8, 1916 – William D. and Susie (Yoder) Yoder Topeka R1, Ind.
Feb. 15, 1917 – David J. and Susie (Mast) Mast Middlebury R1, Ind.
March 8, 1917 – Elmer T. and Anna (Miller) Miller Goshen R1, Ind.
Oct. 29, 1917 – Eli R. and Lovina (Burkholder) Miller Goshen R1, Ind.

Dec. 13, 1917 – Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy, Millersburg R1, Ind.
Dec. 24, 1917 – Noah S. and Elizabeth (Glick) Frye Wolcottville R1, Ind.
Jan. 10, 1918 – Tobias M. and Mattie (Troyer) Hochstetler, Topeka R2, Ind.
Jan. 10, 1918 – Amos S. and Edna C. (Yoder) Miller Topeka R2, Ind.
Jan. 24, 1918 – Jacob E. and Mary (Christner) Hochstetler, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
Jan. 31, 1918 – Levi D. and Amelia (Lehman) Mast Topeka R1, Ind.
Feb. 7, 1918 – Harry M. and Barbara (Miller) Troyer Shipshewana R2, Ind.
Feb. 13, 1918 – William S. and Edna (Miller) Miller Topeka R2, Ind.
Feb. 20, 1919 – Dan A. and Anna (Yoder) Beachy Topeka R2, Ind.
Feb. 27, 1919 – Ezra L. and Susie (Lehman) Bontrager Middlebury R1, Ind.
March 13, 1919 – Noah J. and Mattie (Yoder) Yoder Shipshewana R1, Ind.

Arthur, Illinois

Aug. 29, 1880 – David A. Troyer
June 14, 1881 – Mrs. Ben (Katie) Yoder
Dec. 12, 1886 – Mrs. Ammon B. (Mattie) Miller
Jan. 2, 1887 – Ammon B. Miller
Feb. 27, 1887 – Mrs. Sam N. (Fanny) Beachy
1888 – Mrs. Joni (Mary) Plank
July 18, 1888 – Eli M. Otto
Sept. 17, 1889 – Mrs. Minnie Schrock
July 14, 1890 – Mrs. John (Katie) Mast
Jan. 18, 1891 – Mrs. Benjamin (Lizzie) Helmuth
March 6, 1891 – Mrs. Jonas L. (Sadie) Mast
Dec. 19, 1892 – Mrs. Henry B. (Lizzie) Miller
Aug. 25, 1892 – Miss Anna Beachy
Sept. 20, 1892 – Levi B. Miller
Jan. 12, 1893 – Mrs. Jeff (Rebecca) Kaufman
Jan. 16, 1893 – Mrs. Dan (Susan) Otto
July 23, 1893 – Mrs. David A. (Anna) Troyer
Nov. 14, 1892 – Mrs. Eli (Fannie) Otto
Jun. 14, 1893 – Mrs. David (Anna) Troyer
Feb. 4, 1894 – Eli D. Yoder
Aug. 14, 1894 – Mrs. John (Lucy) Yoder
Aug. 18, 1894 – Noah J. Helmuth

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Date
Nov. 30, 1916 – William B. and Ella (Kaufman) Schrock
Dec. 17, 1916 – Obed and Anna H. (Mast) Diener
Feb. 6, 1917 – Jeff and Rebecca S. (Miller) Kaufman
Oct. 23, 1919 – Jacob E. and Katie (Diener) Herschberger
Jan. 30, 1919 – Simeon and Fannie (Stutzman) Utzy
Sept. 2, 1920 – Levi G. and Carrie (Kaufman) Miller
Jan. 25, 1921 – Menno A. and Barbara (Gingerich) Diener
March 17, 1921 – Aaron A. and Lena G. (Kaufman) Miller
March 26, 1922 – Joel A. and Katieann (Schlabaugh) Kaufman
Jan. 25, 1923 – Cris J. and Edna (Bontrager) Helmuth
Oct. 18, 1923 – Herbert G. and Nancy J. (Kaufman) Miller
Dec. 20, 1923 – Adlai B. and Katie H. (Mast) Miller

Hutchinson, Kansas

March 15, 1878 – Dea. David Miller
Sept. 10, 1891 – Sam Beachy
Jan. 24, 1892 – William Miller
Dec. 24, 1892 – Mrs. William (Sarah) Miller

Garnett, Kansas

Jan. 7, 1885 – Barbara, widow of Bish. John A. Yoder
Sep. 30, 1887 – Joni A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas
– Mrs. Joni A. Yoder

Haven, Kansas

Jul. 30, 1890 – Mrs. Betsy Miller, c/o Joe Petersheim
Jan. 8, 1891 – Pre. David K. Bontrager
Jan. 27, 1893 – Sam J. Petersheim
Sep. 30, 1893 – Mrs. Sam J. (Lizzie) Petersheim
Dec. 7, 1893 – Mrs. Deemy Schrock, c/o Eli H. Bontrager
Oct. 13, 1894 – Mrs. David K. (Mary) Bontrager

Anabel, Missouri

Dec. 3, 1883 – Mrs. Menno L. (Mattie Hochstetler) Borntrager, blind and confined to wheelchair

Bowling Green, Missouri

Jun. 13, 1892 – Widower Harve D. Yoder
Feb. 7, 1894 – Moses J. Burkholder
Apr. 21, 1894 – Mrs. Moses (Maryann) Burkholder
They were married Nov. 18, 1915

Clark, Missouri

May 31, 1885 – Lena, widow of Jacob J. Gingerich
Aug. 13, 1890 – Elizabeth, widow of Edward Petersheim

Buchanan County, Iowa

May 7, 1886 – Mrs. Noah (Lovina) Plank
Dec. 18, 1890 – Mrs. Amos A.J. (Fannie) Yoder

Johnson County, Iowa

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller
Lydia Bender (single)
Mrs. John (Suvilla) Overholt
Mrs. Harry (Lizzie) Miller
Mrs. Mose (Dora) Weaver
Mrs. Adam (Anna) Miller
Pre. Chris B. Miller
Mrs. Enos (Annie) Yoder
Mrs. John (Mary) Yoder
Mrs. Jonas (Lena) Yoder
Dennis J. Miller
John D. Gingerich
Mrs. Menno I. (Susan) Miller

Cashton, Wisconsin

Feb. 23, 1890 – Susan (Schrock), widow of Sam Miller who died in July 1970
Jun. 26, 1894 – Mrs. Joe (Lizzie) Miller

Wilton, Wisconsin

Sep. 13, 1893 – Christian M. Borntreger
Dec. 7, 1893 – Mrs. Christian (Lizzie Schrock) Borntreger

So wie die erste Gemeine in dem Land geld genung empfangen, begen sie ab ein zu helfen die Arme wo von andern länder in ihre Gemeine kommen. Eins von denen war der Georg Peterschim.

Das ist seine Handschrift:

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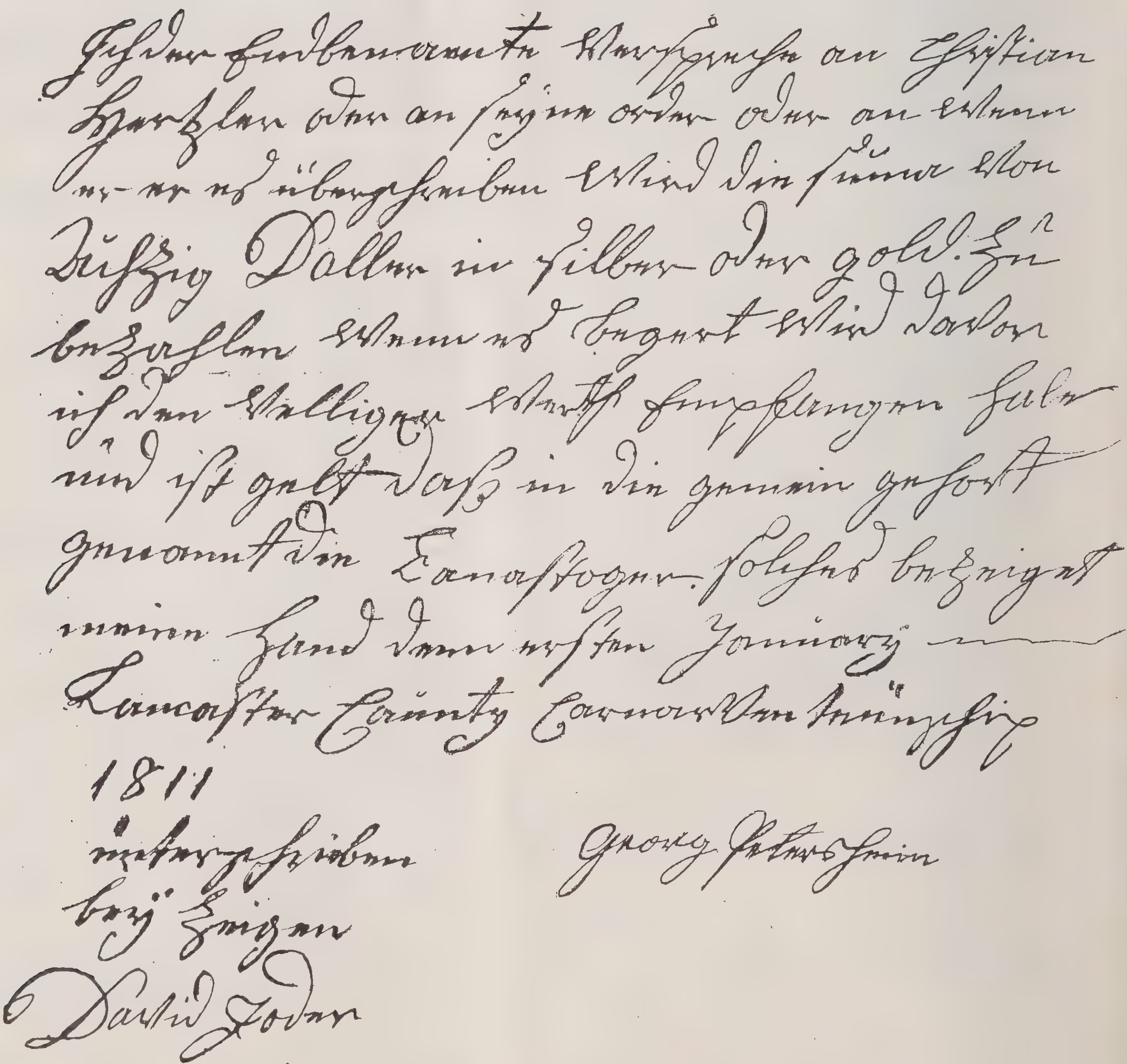

Ich der Endbenannte Verspreche an Christian Hertzler oder an seiner order oder an Wem er-er es übergeschriben Wird die Summe Von Dreissig Daller in Silber oder gold. zu bezahlen Wann es begert Wird darfor ich den Volligen Werth Empfangen habe und ist gelt dass in die gemein gehort genannt die Canastoger. solches bezeiget meiner hand den ersten Januarij — Lancaster County Carnarvan taunschip

1811

Unterschriben bey Zeigen

David Joder

Georg Peterschim

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Ich der endbenannte verſpreche an Chriſtian Hertzler oder an ſeyne order oder an wenn er es über ſchreiben wird die ſumma von Fufzig Daller in ſilber oder gold. Zu bezahlen wenn es begert wird davor ich den velliger werth empfangen habe und iſt gelt daſz in die gemein gehört genannt die Canaſtogen. Solches bezeiget meine Hand denn erſten January ---

Lancaſter County Carnarven
Teunſchip
1811 ---
unter ſchrieben Georg Peterſheim
beÿ Zeigen
David Yoder

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

by Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Petersheim, as mentioned last month, lived on the farm near Millwood in Lancaster County now owned by Mose P. Stoltzfus and occupied by Reuben Allgyer. Here they lived till he died in 1858. He willed his farm to his oldest son if he wanted it, if not the second son, and so on. If none of his sons wanted the farm it was to go to his son-in-law, Joseph Kennel, but he also was not interested in the farm so it was sold at public sale.

To (85) John and Elizabeth Petersheim (1) were born ten children who grew to adulthood and were married, namely: (86) Christian Petersheim, married to Susan King; (96) Fannie Petersheim, married to Joseph Kennel; (98) Samuel Petersheim, married to Mary Mast; (104) Rachel Petersheim (85), married to John Z. Lapp; (105) Leah Petersheim (85), married to Jonathan Fisher; (119) Nancy Petersheim (85), married to Christian Lapp; (120) Christianna Petersheim (85), married to Moses Riehl; (121) John Petersheim (85), married to Lizzie Blank; (127) Gideon Petersheim (85), married to Annie King.

(86) Christian Petersheim (85), the oldest of the family, was born Jan. 15, 1824, married to Susan King, born May 1, 1826, daughter of Christian and Catharine (Stoltzfus) King. They lived for some time in Lancaster Co., Pa. before moving to Midland, Fauquier County, Virginia, about forty or fifty miles southwest of Baltimore, Maryland. An Amish settlement started there around 1890 or before, it consisted of about twenty five or thirty families at the most. They were Christian Petersheim; his brother-in-law, Joseph and Fannie (Petersheim) Kennel of Lancaster County; Preacher Reuben Beiler and his wife, Frenny (Smucker), and family of Norfolk, Virginia; Samuel Kennel and wife, Mary (Mast), and family of Long Green, Maryland. These latter two were also formerly from Lancaster Co., Pa. There were several Wagler families living there for several years before they moved to Canada. Cornelus S. Beachy and C. J. Swartzentruber (the parents of Pre. Norman Swartzentruber of Dover, Delaware) moved there in 1893 and soon after they moved there they were both ordained to the ministry in one day. Cornelius S. Beachy was later ordained bishop. Cornelius S. Beachy's oldest daughter, Ida, married to John H. Eash of LaGrange Co., Ind., who were the parents of Pre. Neil Eash and also of Katie, wife of Dan A. Hostetler of the same place. The last to move away from the Midland settlement at Fauquier Co., Va., was in about 1902. The land mark of that place consists of a graveyard with three or four small children buried there.

While living there Christian Petersheim had extreme financial difficulties. His wife, Susan, with her children returned to her relatives in Lancaster Co., Pa., and was soon followed by her husband, who on his return joined the Amish Mennonite congregation at Millwood, in which faith he died Sept. 11, 1908. His wife, Susan, was a member of the Amish faith till she died Jan. 26, 1902. Both are buried in the Millwood Cemetery. To this union were born nine children. The oldest was (87) John K. Petersheim (86), born Nov. 3, 1846, died in 1867 at twenty years of age and is buried in the Beiler Cemetery at Ronks, which would indicate that they lived in that vicinity before moving to Midland, Virginia; (88) Barbara Petersheim (86), born in 1848, married to Enos Blank, a son of Christian and Sallie (Kurtz) Blank, church, Mennonite; (89) Lydia Petersheim (86), born April 18, 1850, married to Eli Yost, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Lantz) Yost, they were of the Amish faith till the beginning of the Amish Mennonite Church at Millwood in 1877; (90) Christian K. Petersheim (86), born March 4, 1852, died single, July 2, 1934, he was better known as "Black" Christ Petersheim; (91) Gideon K. Petersheim (86), born March 28, 1854, died in 1878, married to Elizabeth Yost, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Lantz) Yost, they had one stillborn child; (92) Rachel Petersheim (86), born Jan. 17, 1856, married to Isaac Lantz, son of Samuel and Mattie (Plank) Lantz, they moved to West Liberty in Logan County, Ohio, no children; (93) Katie Petersheim (86), born July 30, 1862, died young; (94) Sarah, or Sallie, Petersheim (86), born March 3, 1864, married to (Swan) Amos Smoker, Mennonite, they lived and raised a family in Chester Co., Pa.; (95) Rufus J. Petersheim (86), born in 1865, married to a Mary Hartman.

To be continued

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Plank Cemetery, lying about 1½ miles northeast of Cains, is grown up with weeds and brush and looks like it is in a bewildered condition. If this cemetery was 50 miles away, how would it look? Some of us know that our ancestors and their relations are buried in this burial ground. Our forefathers have come across the ocean to a land of free worship and as all flesh is born to die they have started burial plots on their farms in the locations where they have settled. Most of these cemeteries in Pennsylvania are being kept up, but why not this one right in the Lancaster County settlement.

Dr. Hans Blank came from Switzerland prior to 1752 and settled in Heidelburg Twp., Berks County. Hans Blank moved from Berks County to the eastern part of Lancaster County in the area of Cains around 1769. Dr. Blank died in 1790 and this cemetery was started on his plantation. His wife's name was Magdalena, she died in April 1796. Their children were all Amish and their names were Anna, married Joseph Hochstetler who was captured by the Indians; John, married Fannie Smucker; Catharine, married to John Holly; Barbara, married to a Garber, latter to Christian Umble; Magdalena, married to Christian Zug; Christiana, married to Jacob Yoder, son of "Strong Jacob." Generation 2: John and Fannie (Smucker) Blank's children were mostly Amish, they were Catharine, married to Jacob Yoder, son of John Yoder and nephew of "Strong Jacob;" Magdalena, single; Barbara, married to Jacob Risser or Resser; Nicholas, married Sarah Blank, daughter of Bishop John Blank and his second wife, Barbara Yoder, of Spring Garden; Jane, married to William Ervin; and John, married to Anna Zook. From the John and Anna (Zook) Blank family we find Amish names: John, married to Charity Plank; Jacob, Nicholas, Isaac, Joseph, Levi, Leah, wife of Isaac Smucker, Charity, wife of Christian Hess, Phebe and Fannie. Phebe Blank married to Joseph Mast, grandson of Bishop Jacob Mast; Joseph Mast's second marriage was to Fannie Blank, sister to Phebe.

John Y. and Charity Plank's children were John N., Jacob Hayes, Clement, Sarah, and Elhannan. Clement Plank's children were Fred, Mamie, Goldie, Rachel, Bessie, and Lewis. Bessie Plank was single and the last of Dr. Hans Blank's descendants to own the Blank farm. About 1964 it was sold to Dr. John N. Lindquist from Philadelphia. Some time along the line the name changed from Blank to Plank.

Jacob and Christiana (Blank) Yoder had a son John Yoder married to Elizabeth Kurtz, daughter of John and Barbara (Garber) Kurtz; they had a daughter Catharine married to Deacon Christian Blank who died in Juniata County in 1844; he was a son of Bishop John Blank. This Christian Blank had two sons, Christian Y. Blank married to Stenna Umble, his descendants are the Blanks in Millwood; and Pre. Samuel Blank, married to Hannah Stoltzfus, his descendants are the Blanks in Groffdale.

John and Catharine (Blank) Holly had a son, Christian, married to Elizabeth Mast; their daughter Catharine married to "Tennessee" John Stoltzfus; their daughter Mary married to Pre. David Beiler; their son was Bishop Benjamin F. Beiler; their descendants are the Beilers in Ronks.

Another family to mention was Jacob Risser, married to Barbara Plank, who moved from Dauphin County to the Gap area around 1790 or 1795 and their children, it appears, were Amish. They were Nicholas, married to Sarah Mast; Jacob, married to a Potter; Petter, 1808–1856, married to Catharine Mast; John, 1800–1887, married to Elizabeth Mast; Martha, 1806–1829, married to John Hertzler; Christiana, 1814–1869, married to Daniel Plank; Francis, died in 1848, married to Jacob Mast; and Barbara, 1812–1852, married Christian Hertzler, preacher of Conestoga Valley.

There are a few more Amish names to be found in this graveyard: Zooks, Yoders, Summers, Masts, and a daughter of Pre. Mosie Hartz who died at the time they lived in Lower Pequea, at the (Steph) John M. Stoltzfus farm. Another family was Magdalena Garber, step daughter of Christian Umble, married to John Yoder, son of "Strong" Jacob Yoder; they are buried in this cemetery. Their children are Barbara, married to Pre. Samuel Blank who died in 1844, son of Bishop John Blank of Spring Garden; Magdalena, married to Jacob Berkey, the great-grandfather of Dea. Aaron J. Stoltzfus and B. John Stoltzfus; Christiana, or Jane, married to Daniel Hertzler; and Jacob, married to Barbara Lapp (No. 23 in the Lapp Book).

It appears we have three witnesses that the first Pequea Church was closely united to Conestoga. No. 1 It was in charge of one bishop, Peter Blank from Conestoga, east of Morgantown, 1808 to 1831. Then from 1831 to 1835 Bishop John Blank of Spring Garden had the two churches. No. 2 The intermarriage these two churches had. No. 3 The white covering the young girls wear to attend church. We have a few names of members of this Lower Pequea Church who were supposed to have been ministers: Imigrant Abraham Kurtz of 1749 (they say he was a minister, it is not known for sure), John Holly who later moved to the Big Valley, and John Miller, 1773–1851, who wouldn't accept the ministry, married to a Mary Kurtz. Bishop John Blank had three sons who received the ministry in the Lower Pequea: John, married to Fannie Lantz; Samuel, married to Barbara Yoder; and Dea. Christian, married to Catharine Yoder, who later moved to Juniata County and died in 1844. Mosie Hartz received the ministry in Lower Pequea in 1855 and in 1858 he moved to the "Potato" Jacob Mast farm at Morgantown. Bishop Jacob Mast died in 1808 and Bishop Jacob Hertzler, first bishop in America, died in 1786.

Coming back to this Plank Cemetery, to whom it may concern, arrangements are being made to clean it up Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1974. There are many Amish and Mennonite descendants of Dr. Hans Blaunk (spelled in the Deed of Records) in Lancaster County. If you are interested to know if you are a descendant check the July and August 1973 issues of THE DIARY. Levi L. Stoltzfus, Abner F. Beiler, Joseph F. Beiler.

TO AN AGED CHRISTIAN

Dear face – so deeply lined with life's long story –
Dear eyes – to scenes of earth grown lately dim,
yet shining with the inner light of glory that
God imparts to those who walk with Him.
Dear hands – so beautiful with scars of serving!
Dear wrinkled hands, how faithfully they wrought
in loving tasks for others; how unswerving from
duty's plan – yet counting all as naught.
Dear heart – so mellowed by the joy of giving; so
very patient grown, so calm and true; you bear
the ripened fruit of godly living – no cloud can
dim the glowing faith in you!
Dear tired feet – at last grown slow and weary, so
long and steep the path that they have trod;
A few steps more – Swift flight from shadows dreary.
And then awakening – and home – and God.

Kathryn Blackburn Peck

GOD BLESS AND KEEP OUR GODLY OLD FOLKS!

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

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5. Hannes was born March 1, 1761, died July 5, 1842, married to Mary Detweiler. She was born Oct. 12, 1767, died May 23, 1820. She was most likely a daughter of Rudolf Detweiler who migrated to Berks Co., Pa. from Europe with his father, Melchoir. He is buried a short distance west of Allentown. Hannes, or Hans, Beiler was ordained in the Northkill Church. In 1798 he had the church alms book in his possession after Joseph Hostetler had it temporarily after Deacon Hans Kurtz's death. In 1899 it was transferred to Christel Miller (Schmidt) who took it with him west to the Conemaugh. Hans Beiler was the last bishop in the west Conestoga Church. In 1806 he moved to Mifflin Co., Pa. where he is traditionally the first bishop. For more information see page eight of "Descendants of Jacob Beyler," by Mrs. Malinda Miller.

6. Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1764, was the second wife of Christian, son of immigrant Samuel and Anna King. They lived in Heidelberg Twp. now Lebanon County where he was likely ordained minister. This property was transferred to his brother David in 1797. Christian was already assessed in Leacock Twp., Lancaster County in 1796. They moved to the Twin Lock Canal section of Mifflin Co., Pa. in 1806 where Elizabeth died in immediate years. 60. Feronica, born Sept. 8, 1793, died Nov. 7, 1845, married to John, son of John and Marie (Rickenbauch) Lapp. They lived in the Soudersburg area.

61. Joseph, born Jan. 23, 1794, died in 1800.

62. Sarah was born June 19, 1795, died Dec. 10, 1879, married to Daniel Stutzman, born May 30, 1800, died Dec. 17, 1847. They lived in Union Twp., Mifflin Co., Pa. (in 1829 court house release record). 620. Elizabeth, born 1822; 621. Leah, born 1823; 622. Sarah, born 1827; 623. Lidea, 1828–1847; 624. Samuel (twin), born 1831; 625. Christian (twin), 1831–1843.

63. Jonathan, born Oct. 6, 1796, died in 1811.

64. Samuel, born Oct. 29, 1798, died Dec. 7, 1876, was married to Feronica Zug.

65. Lidea, born Aug. 29, 1801, died July 4, 1888 in Ligonier, Ind. (see No. 4955, Hertzler Family).

66. Barbara, born Nov. 8, 1802, died March 9, 1872, was married to Jacob Pitsche.

(From Gideon Fisher Records.)

7. Marie Ann, born Oct. 12, 1769, died in 1820, married to Christian, son of Christian Stutzman (BHS, No. 1). Her children are: 70. Nancy, married to Solomon Lantz, and 71. Mary.

8. Henry, married to Susanna, daughter of Michael Lapp (for more information on his family see page 89 of The Diary, 1971).

9. Joseph was born Dec. 29, 1780, died Oct. 16, 1857. He is buried in Gordonville Cemetery. Family records indicate that he was born on the family farm near Myerstown in Lebanon County, as the family did not move south into East Lampeter Township in Lancaster County until later. Joseph Beiler lived on Irishtown Road near Ronks, which is now the home of Jacob L. Lapp. According to family tradition, he built a log cabin here, although no traces of it remain at this time. The barn on this property was built in 1907.

Joseph Beiler was married twice, first to Mary, daughter of George Lapp; second to Barbara Wagler who was born in Germany in 1796 and came to America in 1819.

Children of first marriage are: 90. Barbara, born Jan. 11, 1809, married Joseph Dienner; 91. George, born April 9, 1810, died March 22, 1894, married Catherine King; 92. Fanny, born Aug. 9, 1812, married Samuel Stoltzfus; 93. Christian, born Oct. 29, 1814, died Dec. 13, 1894, married Mary Lapp; 94. Mary, born March 8, 1817; two children had no names.

Children of second marriage are: 95. Anna, born Oct. 6, 1823; 96. John, born July 1, 1825, died Feb. 2, 1897; 97. Joseph, born Feb. 13, 1829; 98. Jacob, born April 22, 1831; 99. Mary, born June 25, 1833; 99A. Jonathan, born April 13, 1837; two children had no names.

(Information supplied by John W. Beiler, Langhorne, Pennsylvania.)

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1. Of recent years there was quite a confusion on the names of Christian Beiler's wives. David Beiler states that his grandfather was married twice but he does not name them. Early legends say that he was married to Widow Barbara Yoder, whose husband died at sea, but she was an aged widow when Christian was born. The next theory was that she was a daughter of Widow Barbara Yoder, but we have legal records that show that she was married to Hans Sherrick and died in 1790. It is quite possible that Christian's second wife was a widow formerly married to a Yoder. In Christian's will he clearly names his wife Barbara as does the deed release after her death. A 1771 land transaction from John Yoder to Christian Beiler in Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. carefully lists his wife's name Elizabeth. For a while some have speculated that he may have had the third wife but that no longer seems probable.

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

The Christian Beiler Family

Christian, son of Jacob and Veronica Beiler, born in Switzerland in 1727, married first to Elizabeth Yoder,[1] second to a widow Barbara Yoder; children: 1. Christian, 2. Franey, 3. Magdelena, 4. Jacob, 5. John, 6. Elizabeth, 7. Marie Ann; by second marriage, 8. Henry, and 9. Joseph.

1. Christian was born in Berks Co., Pa., Nov. 24, 1752, died in East Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 16, 1804. He was married to Anna, daughter of immigrant Samuel and Anna King, died 1816. They lived in Heidelberg Twp. now Lebanon Co., Pa. from 1777 – 1803. Perhaps they are buried in a homestead burial lot in East Lampeter Township.

Children: 10. Samuel, died 1788

11. Jacob, born Jan. 17, 1779, died July 15, 1848 in Buffalo Valley, was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Christian and Maria (Yoder) Hertzler who moved from Berks County to the Conestoga Valley in 1794 where Maria is buried. In 1814 Christian moved to Belleville, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was born in Berks Co., Pa., April 5, 1779, died Nov. 3, 1853. (See No. 8284, Hertzler Family.)

12. Christian, died 1788

13. John was born Sept. 9, 1784, died May 2, 1868. He was married to Elizabeth daughter of John and Marie (Rickenbauch) Lapp. She was born near Morgantown, Pa., Oct. 1, 1792, died Feb. 1, 1878. Their children: 130. Christian married Hanna Hertzler (No. 2710, Hertzler Family); 131. Marie married to Christian Pitche; 132. John married to Lydia Hertzler (No. 2241, Hertzler Family), he was a deacon in the Upper Pequea, is buried at Ronks; 133. Jonathan married to Catherine Kauffman; 134. David married to Susanna Stoltzfus; 135. Anna married to Michael Plank; 136. Samuel married to Martha Glick; 137. Elizabeth married to Joni Riehl; 138. Jacob married to Christina King; 139. Joshua married to Lydia Zug, they were the grandparents of Jacob Y. Beiler of Weavertown; 139A. Eli; 139B. Michael married to Christina Glick. John and Elizabeth Beiler lived in Henderson Twp., Huntingdon Co., Pa. in 1829 (see page 197, The Diary of 1970).

14. David, born in Lebanon Co., Pa., Sept. 9, 1786, died on the old Beiler homestead farm where Christian P. Beiler now lives near Ronks, March 1, 1871. He is buried in the Beiler Cemetery, from where this cemetery originates (see Fisher Book, Family No. 2498). He was a noted bishop. We have many records of his church activities in the Pequea, Mifflin Co., Union Co., Somerset Co., and Ohio. He left a "Family-Chronik," unusual for his time.

15. Abraham, died 1789

16. Jonathan, born Sept. 27, 1791, died Aug. 6, 1878, married Anna, daughter of John and Marie (Rickenbaugh) Lapp. Anna was born Aug. 14, 1789, died Oct. 28, 1876. Their children are: 161. Rebecca married to David Zug; 161. Isaac; 162. Elizabeth; 163. Barbara married to Gerrick Hertzler; 164. Eli married to Sarah Gnage; 165. Sara married to Daniel Yoder; 166. Joshua; 167. Veronica married to Levi Kauffman (from a family record of Gideon Fisher, Smoketown, Pa. 1885).

17. Frena, died 1802

18. Solomon was born July 18, 1798, died May 3, 1888, married to Sara, daughter of David and Mary (Yoder) Hertzler (see No. 5175, Hertzler Family). He was a bishop in the Big Valley at the time of the split where he led a more progressive group or the church house Amish.

19. Elizabeth, died 1788

Christian and Anna (King) Beiler had ten children, five died under age, and five were living when Christian made his will.

2. Franey was born in Berks Co., Pa., Nov. 9, 1754, died May 24, 1794. She was married to John, son of immigrant Hans and Anna Marie Lantz. They lived and died in Lebanon Co., Pa. Children: 20. Joseph, listed in Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa. in 1829; 21. Christian, listed in Frankfort Twp., Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa. in 1829. John Bickel Jr. of Jonestown, Pa. and Thomas Kern of East Hanover Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa. are listed as heirs to Franey Beiler Lantz in 1829. Were they foster children?

3. Magdelena, born Feb. 23, 1756, died Sept. 21, 1804, marriage unknown.

4. Jacob, born June 1, 1758, married to Magdalena Lapp, daughter of George Lapp. They lived in the Conestoga Valley. In the "Annals of the Conestoga Valley" by C. Z. Mast, his children are listed as: 40. Christian, married to Eliza Richards; 41. Jacob, married to Bena Naftsinger; 42. David, married to Phoebe Beam; 43. Fanny, married to David Mast; 44. Magdalena, married to William Hoffman; 45. Barbara, married to Thomas Fisher; 46. George, lived in Missouri, died there in 1884.

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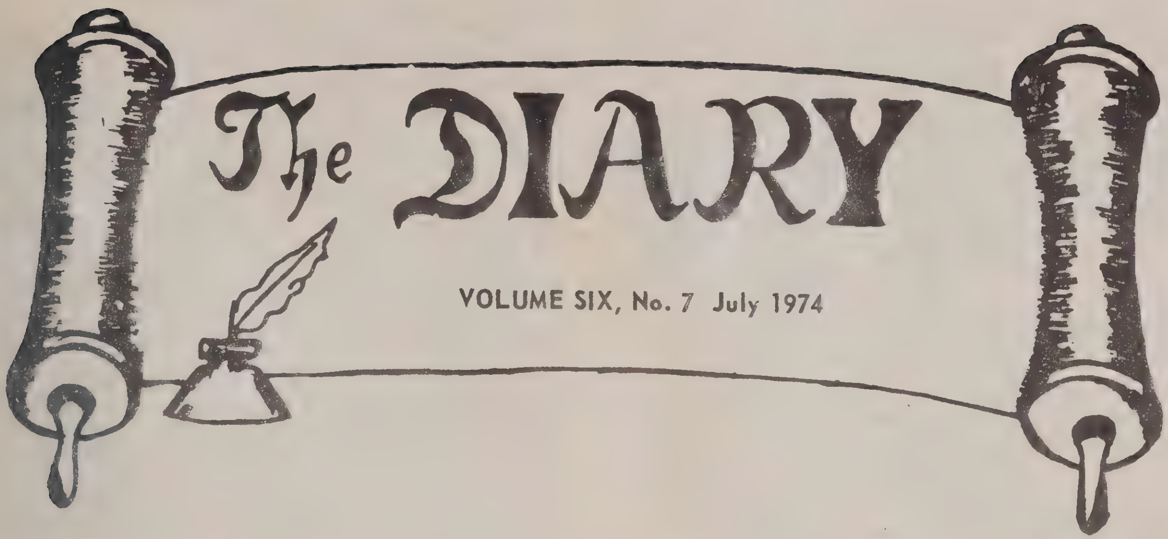

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IND. BOY FATALLY INJURED IN FARM ACCIDENT

Vernon O., 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora N. Miller, LaGrange R4, Ind., was fatally injured July 5 when he was thrown from a spring wagon. He was taking water to his brothers who were shocking wheat. They thought the horse was safe but she got excited about the flies and bolted. Vernon's foot caught and it dragged him and injured him. He was rushed to the hospital where he passed away a few hours later. (See obituary)

STUBEN COUNTY FARM ACCIDENT

Marcus, 5-year-old son of Moses T. and Kathryn (Eicher) Schwartz, of Ashley, Ind., was riding on a wagon with his father while thrashing wheat at Dan Keim's July 17th. He jumped from the wagon while it was going, fell, and the wheel went over his leg, making a straight break. His leg is in a cast and he goes on crutches.

BUCHANAN CO., IA. MISHAP

Mrs. Noah Plank, 88 years old, was riding in the buggy with her daughter, Mrs. Levi (Edna) Miller. The horse got unruly and upset the buggy. Mrs. Plank has a broken hip and collar bone and is in the hospital at Independence, Ia. at present. Mrs. Miller escaped without serious injuries.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Arthur, Illinois

This community felt the shock of an explosion of a car load of propane gas at Decatur, Ill., about 35 miles west of Arthur, at about 5 a.m. Friday, July 19. The rattling of windows and doors in our home and the sound of the blast, somewhat like a low thunder, woke us from our sleep. It made quite a hole in the ground at the N. & W. switch yard. Reports are that several folks were hospitalized for a few days.

2-YEAR-OLD BOY FOUND DEAD IN PASTURE

Eugene N., son of Nelson M. and Clara C. (Bontrager) Herschberger, of Burbon, Ill., was found dead at his home in the pasture near the buildings Wed., July 10, at 5 p.m. Douglas Co. Coroner said a broken neck was the cause of death, apparently being struck by livestock. The herd grazing in the lot consisted of several cows and a bull. (See obituary)

BELLEVILLE BOY KICKED BY COW

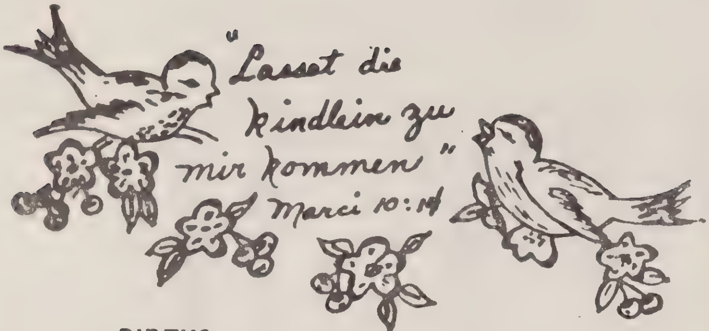
Aaron, 8-year-old son of Pre. Daniel P. and Rebecca (Beiler) Kanagy, Belleville, Pa., was kicked when he tried to spray the cows. His father had noticed he was spraying and intended to take the sprayer from him, but before he got there he heard the sprayer fall. Aaron was crawling out and said his leg is broken. It was a compound fracture. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance July 16th, returned home the 19th. On the 21st he became sick with much pain and high fever. They then took him to Danville Hospital where they redone the job and sent him home. The doctor is now well pleased with him. Aaron gets around on crutches.

HOLMES COUNTY BARN BURNS

The barn on the Levi A. Erb farm burned to the ground in the early morning hours of July 28th. All livestock was removed but hay, wheat and straw were consumed in the flames. Cause was determined to a motor that was used on a milk cooler.

HOLMES COUNTY ACCIDENT

John, 13-year-old son of Dea. Sam M. Millers of Baltic R1, Ohio, was helping to haul grain and the load turned over, breaking both bones in his one leg. He spent a few days in the hospital and is at home now, doing nicely.



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Benjamin S. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a daughter SARAH S., July 30

BEILER, Elmer L. (Priscilla B. Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1, a daughter LAVINA, July 23

BEILER, Gideon S. (Mary K. Stoltzfus) 115 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a daughter SUSIE S., July 5

BEILER, John L. (Mary Esh) Gordonville R1 a daughter BARBARA E., July 7

BLANK, David F. (Mary Smucker) Gap R1 a son IVAN, July 23

EBERSOL, Amos (Lavina Stoltzfus) 52 N. Weavertown Rd., Ronks R1, a daughter KATIE, July 13

FISHER, Jacob J. (Annie K. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3 a daughter MATTIE S., July 22

FISHER, Jonathan S. (Mattie S. Lapp) Kirkwood R1 a son DAVID, July 1

FISHER, Reuben B. (Emma S. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a daughter MARIAN S., July 27

GLICK, Benjamin (Susie Glick) 2440 Creek Hill Rd. Lancaster, a daughter MARY ANN, July 2

GLICK, David A. (Barbara M. Fisher) Kinzers R1 a daughter ANNA MAE, July 13

GLICK, Gideon S. (Lizzie Esh) Leola R1 a daughter BENA E., July 19

GLICK, Joel K. (Lizzie Riehl) Quarryville R3 a daughter REBECCA R., July 23

GLICK, Moses B. (Emma G. Zook) Willow Street R1 a son DANIEL S. July 30

GLICK, Samuel F. (Hannah L. Lapp) Gordonville R1 a son NATHAN MOSES, July 7

KING, Abram P. (Fannie S. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a daughter SALOMA, July 28

KING, Benuel S. (Nancy Ann Dienner) Kinzers R1 a son DANIEL D., July 5

KING, Daniel (Elizabeth Riehl) Gap R1 a son ELAM, July 13

KING, Elam F. (Barbara Blank) Christiana R1 a son DAVID B., July 15

KING, Isaac Z. (Hannah S. Lapp) 1404 Houser Rd. Lancaster, a daughter EMMA, July 17

KING, Jacob S. (Mary B. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3 a son LEVI S., July 4

KING, John F. (Annie L. Petersheim) Christiana R1 a daughter BARBARA P., July 3

KING, Jonas K. (Priscilla Beiler) Gordonville R1 a son DANIEL RAY, July 1

KINSINGER, Benjamin A. (Emma L. Riehl) Gordonville R1, a daughter REBECCA R., July 27

LANTZ, Aquilla (Sylvia B. King) Strasburg R1 a son AARON, July 11

LAPP, Joseph L. (Katie S. Glick) Paradise R1 a son JOSEPH G., July 27

LAPP, Stephen (Rebecca Fisher) Quarryville R2 a son SYLVAN, July 3

STOLTZFOOS, Amos K. KRachel L. Glick) Quarry Rd. Leola R1, a son BENUEL J., July 30

STOLTZFUS, Alvin F. (Annie K. Dienner) Kinzers R1 a son TIMOTHY DAVID, July 29

STOLTZFUS, Amos S. (Rachel S. Lapp) Christiana R1 a daughter RACHEL S., July 3

STOLTZFUS, Jonas (Emma Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son JOHN MARK, July 22

STOLTZFUS, Joshua L. (Emma F. Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R2, a daughter ANNIE, July 1

STOLTZFUS, Samuel F. (Lydia F. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter FANNIE Z., July 24

STOLTZFUS, Sol E. (Rebecca E. Fisher) Paradise R1 a daughter MARY J., July 30

STOLTZFUS, Sylvan (Rebecca King) Ronks R1 a son AMOS, July 26

YODER, Gideon (Aary Beiler) Gap R1 a daughter ANNA MARY, July 7

ZOOK, Samuel F. (Lydia B. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a daughter LIZZIE S., July 9

Dover, Delaware

BEACHY, Irvin D..(Susie Yoder) Dover R2 a son DAVID, July 28

MILLER, Ben D. A. (Annie Miller) Dover R6 a daughter MATTIE, July 17

STUTZMAN, Emery J..(Clara Mast) Dover R2 a daughter IDA, July 21

YODER, Danny L..(Mary Kathryn Troyer) Wyoming R1 a daughter LINDA, July 30

YODER, John J..(Lavina Bontrager) Dover R6 a son ELI, July 27

Adams County, Pennsylvania

KURTZ, Ben (Sarah Stoltzfus) a daughter FRANNIE, July 8

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St. Mary's County, Maryland

KURTZ, John (Veronica Yoder) Mechanicsville
a son SOLOMON, July 9
STOLTZFUS, Gideon (Hannah Hostetler) Charlotte Hall
a son JOHNNY, July 4
SWAREY, Benjamin (Katie Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall
a son JACOB, July 23

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Samuel (Katie Lapp)
a daughter RHODA, July 6
STOLTZFUS, Stephen (Emma Stoltzfus)
a daughter NANCY, July 27

Montour County, Pennsylvania

STOLTZFUS, John E..(Ada Miller) Bloomsburg
a son SAMUEL, July 22

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

ESH, John (Annie Kauffman) Loganton R1
a daughter EMMA, June 4

McClure, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Michael (Barbara Speicher) Milroy
a daughter VERONICA, June 22
YODER, Jeff H. (Lydia Hostetler) Reedsville
a son URIE, May 29

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, John (Annie Kanagy) Belleville
a son CRISTIE, July 16
PEIGHT, Daniel (Katie Yoder) Belleville
a daughter SUSIE, July 10
PEIGHT, Ezra (Leah Kanagy) Belleville
a son EPHRAIM, July 30
PEIGHT, John (Lizzie Peachey) Belleville
a daughter MARY, July 25
YODER, Kore M..(Anna Swarey) Belleville
a son SAMUEL, July 2

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

BRENNEMAN, Joe E..(Edna Yoder) Meyersdale R1
a son NOAH, July 23
KINSINGER, David R. (Effie Brenneman) Salisbury R1
a son ROY, July 29
YODER, David D. (Rosie Peachey) Meyersdale
a daughter MARIE, July 10

New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Mahlon J. (Lizzie Byler)
a son JONATHAN, July 19
BYLER, Steve A..(Lizzie Kurtz)
a son JOHN, July 10
DETWEILER, Ben J. (Emma Kurtz)
a son JOE, July 25
HOSTETLER, Mose E. (Anna Byler)
a son JONATHAN, July 26
KURTZ, John D. (Saloma Wengerd)
a son DAVID, July 15
MAST, Andy E. (Amanda Raber)
a son FELTY, July 9
TROYER, Andy D .(Clara Mast)
a daughter SUSIE, July
YODER, Rudy J. (Sally Kurtz)
a daughter LYDIA, July 9

Centre County, Pennsylvania

KING, Enos S. (Lavina Esch)
a daughter LINDA, July 18

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Eli (Lydia Byler)
a daughter EMMA, June 10
COBLENTZ, Andy (Martha Hochstetler)
a daughter LYDIA, June 28
HOCHSTETLER, John (Clara Byler)
a son HENRY, June 28
HOCHSTETLER, Jonas (Martha Byler)
a son JACOB, July 8

Crawford County, Pennsylvania

TROYER, Joe and Anna, Conneautville R3
a daughter MIRIAM, July 13

Holmes County, Ohio

BARKMAN, David A. (Verna Nisley) Fresno
a son MAHLON, July 3
BEACHY, Ervin N. (Anna Keim) Wilmot R1
a son, July 14
COBLENTZ, Ivan N. (Esther Miller) Millersburg R5
a son ABE, June 24
HERSHBERGER, Dan J. (Anna Mast) Millersburg R5
a son, July 7
KEIM, Leroy J. (Linda Miller) Wilmot
a son LEO, June 4
MILLER, Abe J. (Edna Miller) Fredericksburg
a son LEON, July 19
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee J., Millersburg R5
a daughter, June 28
MILLER, Ervin M. (Mary Mast) Millersburg R5
a son, July 24
MILLER, Noah H. (Esther Raber) Sugar Creek R1
a son RONOLD, June 8
SCHLABACH, Mose A. (Elmina Miller)
a daughter TWILA, July 22
TROYER, Raymond J. (Elva Wengerd) Millersburg
Star Route, a son LEON, July 17
TROYER, Vernon J. (Edna Hershberger) Baltic
a son WILLIS, July 21
YODER, Crist J. (Esther Burkholder) Baltic
a son ROY, July 28
YODER, Neal N. (Esther Miller) Millersburg R4
a son DANIEL, July 17
YODER, Raymond M. (Emma) Millersburg R4
a daughter LEANNA, June 17
YODER, Roman A. (Mary Yoder) Baltic R1
a daughter VERNA, July 15

Wayne County, Ohio

GINGERICH, Herman (Mary Troyer) Apple Creek
a daughter LIZZIE, July 13
The baby weighed 3 lbs. and lived only 7 hours.
HERSHBERGER, Levi (Priscilla Miller) Apple Creek
R1, a daughter, July 26
HERSHBERGER, Ray (Betty Miller) Fredericksburg
a daughter, July 8
MILLER, Andy S. (Susie Schlabach) Dundee R1
a daughter DELILAH, July 12
MILLER, Joe C. (Anna Yoder) Dalton R2
a son LEVI, July 4

BIRTHS, Continued

Wayne Co., Ohio, Continued

MILLER, Paul M. (Betty Hershberger)
a daughter LEANNA in June
TROYER, Aden J. (Clara Weaver) Fredericksburg R2
a son DANIEL, July 13
YODER, Albert (Clara Mast) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter BETTY, June 21

Ashland, Ohio

SCHWARTZ, Andrew (Alma Brenneman) Ashland R1
a daughter VERNIE, June 11

Hicksville , Ohio

MILLER, James (Mary Jo Yoder)
a son JAY LYNN, July 17

Camden, Michigan

DELAGRANGE, Louis (Elizabeth Schwartz)
a son HENRY, July 25

Centreville, Michigan

HOSTETLER, Noah (Miriam Miller)
a daughter RUTH, July 18
MILLER, Wayne (Wilma Bontrager)
a son DANIEL, July 9

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Daniel (Elizabeth Graber) New Haven
a daughter ROSANNA, July 10
GRABER, Sam (Lilly Schmucker) Grabill
a daughter IDA MARIE, July 18
LENGACHER, Joe (Mary Graber) Grabill
a son PAUL, July 1
MILLER, Daniel (Rosa Eicher) New Haven
a son AMOS, July 3
SCHMUCKER, William Laverne (Rosann Graber) New Haven, a stillborn daughter MARGARET, July 22
SCHWARTZ, Rudy (Lydiann Schwartz) New Haven
a son RUDOLPH, July 4
SCHWARTZ, Samuel (Emma Graber) New Haven
a daughter MARGARET, July 22

LaGrange County, Indiana

FREY, Daniel J..(LeEtta Bontrager) Millersburg R1
a daughter KRISTENA D.., July 2
HELMUTH, Milo (Amanda Raber) Topeka R1
a son MARVIN M. July 17
LAMBRIGHT, Mahlon (Esther Miller) LaGrange R1
a daughter LORENE M., July 19
LEHMAN, Albert Jay (Tussie Hostetler)
a son GERALD RAY, July 11
LEHMAN, Dennis E..(Mary Sue Miller) Topeka R2
a daughter LINDA ROSE, July 17
LEHMAN, Floyd D..(Martha Miller) LaGrange R1
a daughter ELNORA, June 24
MILLER, David (Anna Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter NANCY, July 30
MILLER, Eli E. (Ruby Bontrager) Topeka R2
a daughter AMANDA MARIE, July 4
MILLER, Howard J. (Esther Yoder) LaGrange R4
a son SAMUEL H., July 17
PETERSHEIM, Samuel (Susie Beechy)
a son FLOYD S., July 8
SCHWARTZ, John (Fannie Miller) Topeka R1
a son MARCUS DUANE, June 29
YODER, Dewayne R..(Wilma Miller) Shipshewana R2
a daughter DORETTA MAE, July 5
YODER, Eli M..(Katie Mast) LaGrange R2
a son WILBUR, July 2
YODER, Levi M..(Sadie Mullet) Ligonier R3
a daughter WILMA, July 17

Elkhart County, Indiana

CHUPP, Olen J. (Sharon Christner) Goshen R4
a daughter, July 3
EICHER, Amos (Edna Miller) R2, White Pigeon, Mich.
twins RAYMOND & REBECCA, July 10
GINGERICH, John (Susie Yoder) Middlebury R2
a son JOHN, JR., June 25
MILLER, Earl R .(Esther Wingard) Middlebury R1
a son DERALD LYNN, June 29
MILLER, Perry S. (Marilyn Yoder) Goshen R1
a son MYRON, June 29
SCHWARTZ, Daniel (Mary Zehr) Goshen R1
a daughter MARTHA SUE, July 17
WINGARD, Ferman (Barbara Miller) Middlebury R1
a daughter WANETTA, June 22

Nappanee, Indiana

HOCHSTETLER, John Henry (Esther Hochstetler)
a Bremen R1, a daughter RUTH July
SCHMUCKER, Harley (Linda Hochstetler) Nappanee R1
a daughter MALINDA SUE, July 26
SLABAUGH, Jerry (Sara Sue Chupp) Bremen R1
a daughter LORRAINE, July 1

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Alva (Fannie Mae Miller)
a son ROBERT MARSHALL, July 4
GRABER, Amos (Naomi Knepp)
a daughter LYDIA, July 3
GRABER, Enos (Mary Wagler)
a son MATTHEW, July 6
KNEPP, Amos, Jr .(Wilma Jean Wagler)
a daughter JANET, June 8
MILLER, Raymond (Clara Knepp)
a daughter LELA RUTH,July 13
RABER, Floyd (Mary Margaret Knepp)
a son, July 29
WAGLER, Floyd (Rosemary Knepp)
a daughter DARLA RUTH, July 13
WAGLER, Willis (Mary Esther Miller)
a son, June 10
WEAVER, John (Elizabeth Graber)
a daughter MATTIE IRENE, July 23
WITTMER, Harold (Pauline Wagler)
a daughter MARILYN FERN, July 10

Arthur, Illinois

BEACHEY, Ervin (Catherine Plank)
a daughter, July 17
GINGERICH, Marlin (Tillie Miller)
a son KENNETH LYNN, July 20
MILLER, Ben (Susanna Schrock)
a daughter, July 15
MILLER, Levi (Bernice Yoder)
a son PAUL, July 20
PLANK, Elmer (Martha Otto)
twins DAVID & RUBY, July 24

STUTZMAN, Clarence (Anna Kauffman)
a daughter, June 28
YODER, Eli (Rose Mary Plank)
twins LLOYD JOSEPH & LYDIA MAE, July 6

Reno County, Kansas
BONTRAGER, Merle (Anna Mae Petersheim)
a daughter MATTIE CARLENE, July 19

Pike County, Missouri
SCHWARTZ, Jerry (Marie Eicher) Curryville
a daughter KATIE, July 17
SCHWARTZ, Samuel N. (Lydia Troyer) Bowling Green
a daughter REBECCA, July 8
YODER, Levi (Miriam Mullet) Bowling Green
a son ISAAC, July 23

Audrain County, Missouri
GINGERICH, Jacob N. (Elizabeth Petersheim) Madison
a daughter ANNA, July 21, died 10 hrs. later
MAST, Levi J. (Lena Gingerich) Clark
a son JOHN, July 13
SCHWARTZ, Jakie (Rachel Borntreger) Clark
twins LYDIA & LIZZIE They weighed 2lbs. and 3 lbs. and are in University Hospital in Columbia.
SHETLER, Levi (Anna Bontrager) Clark
a son MOSES, July 10

Jamesport, Missouri
KURTZ, John J. (Emma Detweiler)
a son DAVID, July 18

Buchanan County, Iowa
KURTZ, Neal A. (Lizzie Lambright) Fairbank
a son JONAS, July 1
NISLEY, Emanuel (Katherine Helmuth) Hazleton
a son NELSON, July 20
RABER, Eli (Mary Helmuth) Hazleton
a daughter ADA, July 2

Amherst, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Freddie R. (Mary Mast) Amherst
a daughter FANNIE, July 4

Milverton, Ontario, Canada
ALBRECHT, Ezra (Miriam Kuepfer) Millbank
a son ELI, July 17
JANTZI, Joe (Saloma Jantzi) Milverton
a son DAVID JEFFERY,
KUEPFER, Joe (Mary Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a son ELAM, June 27
KUEPFER, Joe (Selena Kuepfer) Millbank R1
a daughter SHIRLEY ANN, July 17

Grey County, Ontario, Canada
STUTZMAN, Dan E. (Amanda Yoder)
a daughter RACHEL, July 9

COMMUNITY NOTE – Adams County, Pa.

Frannie Kurtz, small daughter of Ben Kurtz's, had several convulsion spells July 14, and spent a few days in the hospital for tests and xrays. She had several spells while in the hospital.

Steven J. Hostetler Sr. had a cyst removed from his mouth in a Doctor's office in Hanover. It was very painful, but according to reports he is coming along well.

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OBITUARIES

BEILER, Lena S., 22 Mo., New Holland R2, Pa.
daughter of Amos E. and Sallie S. (Smucker) Beiler, died Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, at the age of 1 yr., 10 mo., 7 days. She had been bothered with a heart condition one year and two months. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Mary, and a brother, Aaron, both at home; paternal grandparents, Aaron and Lena (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Smucker, Narvon R1; and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held Wed., July 17, by Pre. John S. Stoltzfus and Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Dea. John K. Lapp; burial at Beiler's Cemetery. Pall bearers were David Beiler, Elmer Smucker, Jonas Smucker, and Elias Beiler.

BONTRAGER, Mrs. Elizabeth, 89, Topeka R1, Ind.
died Wednesday, July 10, after a five-year illness. She was born Jan. 1, 1885 in LaGrange County, and was married to Benjamin M. Bontrager, Feb. 2, 1904. He died in 1959. Survivors include two sons, Manas B. and Joseph B., both of Topeka R1; two daughters, Mrs. Ben (Barbara) Gingerich, Topeka R1, and Lydia, at home; 30 grandchildren, 127 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 13, by Bishop Amos O. Miller and Pre. Menno Yoder. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery near Topeka.

BYLER, Mrs. Mary E., 66, New Wilmington R1, Pa.
died July 24 from heart failure and dropsy. She was the wife of Joe J. Byler. Surviving are her husband; two sons, William of Ohio and John, living on the home place; four sisters and three brothers.

EICHER, Mrs. Magdalena, 84, Loogootee R2, Ind.
died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, June 9, at her residence. She had been in failing health for several years and seriously ill the last five days. She was born Dec. 4, 1889, a daughter of John and Mary (Wagler) Raber. In 1912 she married Samuel Eicher who died in 1956. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Jake (Mary) Marner, Mrs. Ralph (Katie) Marner and Mrs. Dan (Martha) Marner, all of Loogootee, and Mrs. Vernon (Rosa) Nisley of Ohio; four sons, Jacob Eicher, Ontario, Canada, Pete Eicher, Loogootee, David Eicher of Missouri and John Eicher of Ohio; 60 grandchildren, 108 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Samuel Raber of Montgomery.

Funeral services were held at the Ralph Marner residence at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, by Simon Wagler of Canada, and Levi Graber, Camden, Mich. Burial was in the Stoll Cemetery.

HELMUTH, Lizzie, 83, of Arthur, Illinois

died July 18 at the age of 83 years and 6 months. She was born July 18, 1891 a daughter of Min. Joseph D. and Anna (Yoder) Schrock; married to Benjamin Helmuth Feb. 24, 1910; he died May 12, 1962; lived in matrimony 52 yr., 2 mo., 18 days. To this union were born five daughters and four sons. One daughter, Barbara, died at the age of 14 following an operation for ruptured stomach ulcers. One son, Valentine, age 8, was offered a ride on the running board of a car. His hat blew off and he stepped off while the car was running, throwing him on his head, causing injuries, and death in ten days. Surviving are four daughters, three sons, 20 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held July 20 at the old Joe D. Schrock residence by Bishop Steve Kaufman and Bishop Henry Miller; burial in Yoder Cemetery.

HERSCHBERGER, Eugene, age 2, Bourbon, Ill.

died July 10 from injuries received in a farm accident (see front page). He was born Oct. 16, 1971 a son of Nelson M. and Clara C. (Bontrager) Herschberger. Surviving besides his parents is a brother, Larry, at home; paternal grandparents, Dea. and Mrs. Menno D. Herschberger; maternal grandparents, Min. and Mrs. Cris Bontrager; paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Bishop S. N. (Fannie) Beachy; and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ammon B. (Mattie) Miller.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13, at 8:30 in the home, one mile west of Burbon, by Sam W. Bontrager from Michigan and Bishop Dan Miller. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

LAPP, Sadie K., 2 mo., Narvon R1, Pa.

daughter of Benuel S. and Lizzie (King) Lapp, died Monday, July 29, at 10 p.m. at her home. She had been ill since birth with heart trouble. Her age was 1 month and 22 days. Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Miriam and Linda, and a brother, David, all at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah King, Narvon R1; paternal grandparents, John K. and Anna (Smucker) Lapp, Kinzers R1; and paternal great-grandfather, Benjamin S. Lapp, Leola R1.

Funeral services were held Wed., July 31, at 12 noon; short services at the house by Pre. Christ B. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Pre. Daniel S. Stoltzfus. Services in the barn by Pre. Joseph F. Beiler and Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler; hymn read by Dea. Amos E. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard by Pre. John U. Stoltzfus; abschied by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman; burial in Mast's Cemetery.

MILLER, Ernest N., 50, Topeka R2, Indiana

died at his home Thursday morning, July 4, after a lengthy illness. He was born Nov. 29, 1923, in LaGrange County, and on Nov. 29, 1945, was married to Elizabeth Hochstetler. Survivors besides the widow, include five sons, Freeman, Middlebury; Orva, Topeka; and Alvin, Mervin and Norman, all at home; four daughters, Mrs. Anna Marie Helmuth, Etna Green; Mrs. Orpha Miller, Ligonier; and Freeda and Mary Ellen, both at home; three grandchildren; three brothers and eight sisters.

Funeral services were held at the home at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 6, by Bishop Amos N. Miller. Burial was in Miller's Cemetery, near Topeka.

MILLER, Vernon O., age 8, LaGrange R4, Indiana

was fatally injured July 5 in a farm accident (see front page). He was born Sept. 30, 1965 a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora N. Miller. Surviving with the parents are three brothers, Elvie, Ervin and Lloyd, and four sisters, Leona, Becky, Arlene and Lorrie, all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Miller, LaGrange R1, and Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Yoder, LaGrange R4, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Susie Miller, of Topeka.

Funeral services were held at the family home by Amzie Troyer. Burial was in the Mast Cemetery.

NISLEY, Cephas J., 75, Goshen R1, Indiana

died June 30 at 8:20 p.m. at Goshen Hospital where he was a patient for three days. He was a son of Jonas and Annie (Miller) Nisley and lived all his life in the Goshen area working as a farmer. On Feb. 10, 1924 he married Millie Hostetler who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Ray of Pinecraft, Fla., John of LaGrange and Willis of Goshen; three daughters, Mrs. Emmon (Mary Ann) Yoder of Nappanee, Miss Esther Nisley at home and Mrs. Tobias (Fannie) Hochstetler of Goshen; three brothers, Jacob of Goshen, Bishop Perry of Goshen and Jonas R. of Bristol, and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the family home at 9:30 a.m., July 3rd, by Pre. Henry A. Yoder and Bishop Enos Troyer. Burial was in the Nisley Cemetery. Pall bearers were Ira Borkholder, Albert Stutzman, David Yoder and Ed Yoder.

RABER, Andy J. D., 64, Millersburg R3, Ohio

died Saturday, July 20, at 11 p.m. in Pomerene Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Holmes County to Jacob D. and Mattie (Miller) Raber, and died at the age of 64 yr., 8 mo., 17 days. Surviving are his widow, Katie Ann (Yoder) Raber, to whom he was married 39 years; two sons, Eli of Blackville, S. C. and Melvin of Walnut Creek; two brothers and two sisters, Enos, Levi and Mrs. David J. (Mary) Yoder of Millersburg R3 and Mrs. John H. (Lydia) of Millersburg R2; and ten grandchildren. His parents and a brother are deceased.

Funeral services were held Wed., July 24, by Bishop Joe M. Hershberger. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery in Mechanic Township.

RABER, Mrs. Anna, 84, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Saturday noon, July 20, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John E. (Emma) Troyer. She was bedfast for two weeks of a very slow heart beat. Born in Holmes County Feb. 15, 1890, she was a daughter of Jeremiah and Veronica (Miller) Miller. On Jan. 30, 1910 she married Andrew J. Yoder who died Oct. 18, 1947; on March 27, 1952 she married Eli E. Mullet who died March 20, 1962; on June 10, 1969 she married Andy N. Raber who died April 21, 1973. Surviving in addition to the daughter with whom she resided are three other daughters, Mrs. Homer (Fanny) Miller of Blackville, S. C., Mrs. Andy A. (Ida) Weaver of Mifflintown, Pa., and Mrs. Chris A. (Ida) Miller of Independence, Ia.; three sons, Dan Yoder of Independence, Ia., Eli Yoder of Stuarts Draft, Va., and Andy Yoder Jr. of Tylertown, Miss.; nine stepsons and three stepdaughters; 52 grandchildren, 67 step-grandchildren 45 great-grandchildren and 120 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at the residence by Bishop Dan G. Yoder and Bishop Jacob R. Troyer.

SCHMUCKER, Margaret, stillborn, New Haven, Ind.

daughter of William Laverne and Rosann (Graber) Schmucker, July 22. Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Wilmer and Willis; two sisters, Delilah Mae and Mary; and grandparents, Joseph and Lorene (Miller) Schmucker, and Amos and Barbara (Schwartz) Graber.

Funeral services were held the same day; burial was in the Amish Cemetery at Grabill.

STOLTZFUS, Amos U., 86, Ronks R1, Pa.

died at his home Wednesday morning, July 17th. He had been in failing health for six weeks. In the fall of 1968 he preached the "Alt Feder" sermon in council meeting, and became sick the following week and was not able to attend communion services. He attended church services occasionally in the next few years but did not preach again. He spent the last year in the house but was not bedfast till the last few weeks. Born in Salisbury Township, he was a son of the late Gideon K. and Sarah S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, and was ordained a minister in 1919. He is survived by his widow, Fannie (Lapp) Stoltzfus, and the following sons and daughters, Gideon Stoltzfus, Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Riehl, Gap R1; Sarah Stoltzfus, at home; Hannah Stoltzfus, Gordonville; Amos U. Stoltzfus Jr., Parkesburg; Elam Stoltzfus and Jonathan Stoltzfus, both of Ronks R1; a brother, Gideon Stoltzfus, Narvon R1; a sister, Mrs. Rachel King, Bird-in-Hand R1; 35 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 19, at the residence by John Troyer from Indiana and Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus; hymn by Dea. Daniel U. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard by Dea. Amos E. Stoltzfus; burial was in Gordonville Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Jeptha Z., 83, Quarryville R3, Pa.

died at his home at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, July 28, after an illness of three days. He was born in Leacock Township, a son of the late Christian and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus. His first wife, Annie (Kauffman) Stoltzfus, died April 21, 1936; on Dec. 9, 1941 he married Annie F. (King), widow of Aaron Beiler, who survives. He is also survived by the following sons and daughters, Andrew K. Stoltzfus, Oxford R1; Christian S. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; Isaac K. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R2; Jeptha K. Stoltzfus and Jacob K. Stoltzfus, both of Quarryville R3; Katie, wife of Elam Smoker, Bird-in-Hand R1; Rebecca, wife of David Fisher, Oxford R1; Annie M. and Mary K. Stoltzfus, both at home; three step-children, Leroy K. Beiler, Ronks R1; John K. Beiler, Quarryville R3; and Dora, wife of Eli K. Stoltzfus, Paraguay, S. A.; a brother, Christian P. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2; 34 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 31; short services at the house at 8 a.m. by Benuel E. Stoltzfus, hymn read by Dea. Abner Glick; further services in the tobacco shed at Jacob K. Stoltzfus' at 9 o'clock by Elam Beiler from Brush Valley and John S. Glick; hymn read by Dea. Sammie King; hymn at graveyard read by Amos Beiler; abschied by Jonas King. Burial was at Myers Cemetery. Pall bearers were two grandsons, Jeff stoltzfus and John Stoltzfus, and two step-grandsons, Samuel Beiler and Aaron Beiler.

SWARTZENTRUBER, Cletus, 47, Montgomery, Ind.

died suddenly at his residence at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23. He was born April 17, 1927 in Daviess County, a son of John and Amanda (Wagler) Swartzentruber. He married Clara Stoll Oct. 31, 1946 and she survives. Also surviving are five sons, Alvin Jay Swartzentruber, Montgomery, David, Cletus Jr., Eli and Marvin, all at home; seven daughters, Marilyn, Barbara, Wilma, Rose, Eva, Betty and Evelyn, all at home; three brothers, John of Loogootee, David and Daniel, both of Montgomery; three sisters, Mrs. Daniel M. Stoll, Montgomery, Mrs. John H. [illegible]raber, Goshen, Ind., and Mrs. Henry A. Stoll, Loogootee; and two grandchildren. One sister has died.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, by Homer Stoll, and Amos Otto from Illinois.

ZOOK, Mary E., 80, Christiana R1, Pa.

died in her sleep and was found dead Sunday morning, July 28. She had been in failing health. Born in Leacock Township, she was a daughter of the late Jacob S. and Lydia (Esh) King and was the wife of Isaac B. Zook. In addition to her husband, she is survived by six sons, Joel K., Quarryville R3; Jacob, Christiana R1; Samuel, Paradise R1; Levi, Gap R1; Elam and Enos, both of Christiana R1; four daughters, Martha, Lydia and Fannie, all at home; and Barbara, wife of John B. King, Paradise R1; two stepsons, David Zook of Milford, Delaware, and Christian Zook of Ephrata R1; two brothers, Samuel E. King of Leola R1 and Jacob King of Narvon R1; two sisters, Lizzie Blank of New Providence R1 and Leah, wife of John Miller of Strasburg R1; 66 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 30th; short services at the house by Emanuel Fisher, hymn read by Jonas Esch; further services at Elam Zooks were held by Samuel L. Stoltzfus, and Bennie A. Yoder of Springs, Pa.; hymn read by Bishop David K. Blank; hymn at graveyard read by Daniel Fisher; abschied by Sam Zook; burial was at Georgetown Cemetery. Pall bearers were John Zook, Isaac Zook, Reuben Zook and Daniel Zook.

SCHMUCKER, Martin E., 69, Trenton, Kentucky
died July 10th at the age of 69 yr., 3 mo., 5 days. Funeral services were held at Bishop Ben Weavers with burial in the Weaver Cemetery.

SCHROCK, Infant, stillborn, Middlebury R1, Ind.
daughter of William L. and Millie A. (Mast) Schrock, Friday, July 12. Surviving are the parents; three sisters, Amanda, Mary and Susie, all at home; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schrock of Shipshewana, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mast of R.R.4, LaGrange.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at the family home by Bishop Amzie Troyer. Burial was in the Mast Cemetery.

ZOOK, Mary S., 69, New Holland R2, Pa.
died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, July 25, after a lengthy illness of cancer. Born in East Lampeter Township, she was a daughter of the late Christian L. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher, and was the wife of Jonas S. Zook. In addition to her husband, she is survived by six children, Elizabeth, wife of Enos B. King, and Christian F. Zook, both of Gap R1; Barbara F., Rachel F., Samuel F., and Elam F., all at home; 19 grandchildren; one brother, Christian M. Fisher, Ronks R1; and four sisters, Mrs. Rachel Beiler, Leola R1; Annie, wife of Elam Zook, Elverson R2; Malinda Fisher, Ronks R1, and Rebecca, wife of Aaron J. Stoltzfus, Gap R1. Her age was 69 yr., 11 mo., 28 days, and the funeral was held on her 70th birthday.

Short funeral services were held at the house by Pre. Jacob S. Smucker; hymn read by Dea. Amos F. Beiler; further services were held in the shed at the home of Pre. Levi F. Stoltzfus at 12 noon by Bishop Joel K. Zook and Pre. Aaron E. Fisher; hymn read by Pre. Enos S. Glick; hymn at graveyard read by Pre. Samuel E. Fisher; abschied by Pre. Gideon K. King. Burial was in Beuna Vista Cemetery. Pall bearers were four grandsons.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Wayne County, Ohio
Susie, wife of Joe L. Hershberger, was in Massillon Hospital from July 13th to 17th due to a heart condition. She was in intensive care most of that time. She is at home now, improving very slowly.

Bronson Michigan Note – by Ora A. Graber
I have a severe case of Blood Poisoning in my foot for about two weeks now. My foot was twice its size from swelling which reached almost to my knee. It started from a twig punched between the toes in the barnyard. We were unable to halt the infection through bathing in epson salts and other remedies. I'm on antibiotics and penicillin.

Additional information by Mrs. Ora Graber: Ora Graber went to Coldwater Hospital Tuesday, July 30, with a case of Lockjaw (Tetanus), was given heavy medication which kept the disease from going into an advanced stage. He is now out of intensive care. Had surgery on foot which is also slowly improving. Release from hospital is still indefinite.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Full M. 4th	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Last Q. 12th	New M. 19th	First Q. 26th

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger
Pleasant weather during July, several warm spells, with a high of 90 and a low of 55. Thrashing was done in record time this summer with plenty of drying time. Grain yielded good, as did straw. Second crop clover is being cut, third cutting alfalfa is about ready. Plenty of rain all summer, till the middle of July we had a dry spell. Total rainfall for July was 2.2 in. Farm products prices are declining except grain. Corn prices last week in July were $3.30 bu., soybeans $7.80. Eggs steady at 59¢ doz. Laying mash $8.50. Peaches seem plentiful, but prices high. Started in at $9 bu. and dropppd to $5.50 bu. pick your own. Sugar around 32¢ lb.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus
The first ten days of July were very warm and humid till a thunderstorm with an inch of rain cleared the atmosphere, but it continued warm all through July. July 6 we had a severe thunderstorm which lasted an hour, dropping 2 inches of rain. It got pretty dry by the 26th when we had another ½ inch. Total 4½ in. in July. New clover looks to make two cuttings this year. Corn looks very good.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus
Rainfall for Bareville area 2.6 inches.

Market report: Fat steers $42-$49.75, feeders $30-$41, veal $37-$78, bulls $30-$38, fat hogs $37-$40. 40-lb. feeder pigs $26-$29, dairy cows $415 to $1225. Leghorn fowl 7¢ lb., heavy 20¢, pullets 41¢. Potatoes $6-$7 cwt. Ear corn $95-$113 ton, $4.25 bu., wheat $4. Barley $2.20 bu., oats $1.65. Hay $37-$75 ton; straw $31-$41 ton; large eggs 55¢ dozl.

by Ammon F. Fisher
July had very warm days, but cool nights; somewhat dry until the 28th. Then we had thunder and lightning with 6/10 " rain. Another thunder shower the next night, 9/10 " rain. Some corn was curling before the last two rains.

By Elam S. Beiler
Wheat threshing was finished by July 13. Very little corn was in tassels before that. Wheat yielded from 40 to 50 bushels, also made a lot of straw. It seems like a cash crop again. Heavy second cutting hay went in this month, good quality as rains were scattered enough to cut in between. Over half of tobacco is topped and looks like a heavy crop. Corn is looking very good, some over 12 feet high. Tomato picking is starting. They are plentiful and high priced. Gardens and fruits are doing very well, but we still have to go to grocery stores for sugar.

Lebanon County, Pa. by Levi S.King

July was mostly on the dry side until the last week. We had a total of 3 inches rain for the month. Corn was beginning to curl up and second crop clover hay is short. Wheat was a good crop with yields from 35 to 55 bu. per acre. Ear corn seems to be in demand and hard to get even if the price is higher than ever before. Weather at the present is very pleasant with cool nights.

Adams County, Pa, by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

July was cool, and short on rain; total rainfall 2¼". The corn crop shows the results of the dry weather. We had an inch of rain near the end of the month which was a great help to all growing crops. The high for the month was 94, low in the 50's. Farmers had ideal weather to harvest wheat without any moisture. Wheat was a good crop and also made lots of straw. Grain buyers paid $3.65 to $3.85 for wheat.

Franklin County, Pa, by Jacob E. Flaud

Rainfall for July was low. We had several good showers the last week. On July 29 we had a heavy thunder storm. There were 3 cows struck and killed for our neighbor. Corn could use a good soaking rain yet to fill out right. Harvest is over and second cutting hay is about all made. A few early potatoes dug; looks like a fair crop. Tomatoes are ripe.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

July was a rather dry month, very warm the first two weeks. The last half we had more humid weather with a few light showers. One thunderstorm the 29th with ½ in, rain and enough wind to blow some corn and oats nearly flat. Wheat and barley were harvested the forepart of the month. Oats harvest is now in full swing. Corn may still make a good crop, although it suffered a little from dry weather during July. Corn went up again. Ear corn is $95 to $100 a ton.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

The first two weeks in June were dry; the 16th we had 2 inches of rain. From then on we were blessed with rain about as we needed it. A lot of first cutting hay got wet. Strawberries did good; seems there is good sale for them. July was mostly on the cool side, not many warm nights. The 28th and 29th we had heavy thunder. Wheat is thrashed, oats being bindered, sweet corn and tomatoes not plentiful yet.

Snyder Co.(McClure) Pa, by Katie A. Speicher

The beginning of July was dry and warm. We had rain and hail on July 11, but it was still real warm until July 20. Then it was cloudy for a few days. It rained almost all day on the 23rd. We had thunder storms on July 28 and 29; a few trees were blown down. Wheat, rye, and speltz have been thrashed, also some oats. Sweet corn is selling for 60¢ a doz.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, by Sam M. Troyer

We had about 4 inches of rain, mostly in the latter part. The forepart was quite dry. Wheat is harvested, oats is being harvested. Lots of fruit to put away this year, but there were hardly any wild sweet cherries on Mulberry Hill.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

The weather for July was warm and often quite humid, with plenty of moisture to keep things growing. We had several one inch rains throughout the month. On the 30th we had a heavy thunderstorm in the evening. It rained about three inches in just several hours, also some hail that did quite a bit of damage to corn, tomatoes, etc. At places it washed lanes, fields, etc., quite a bit. Wheat was a good crop with lots of straw. Oats is lodged rather badly due to the storm, and is ready to cut. Second cutting hay is plentiful.

Mifflin County, Pa, by Catherine Swarey

July was warm with cool nights; many nice, warm sunny days. Lowest temperature 48, high in the upper nineties. Only 7/10 inch rainfall until July 28 and 29, when we had hard wind, rain, and hail. The hail was real big; some people scraped enough together to make ice cream. Some corn fields look quite tangled and shredded, others look good with hardly any damage. The 28th - 29th we had a total rainfall of 4 inches, more in some places. Lawns and pastures look green again. Wheat is threshed, a good crop. Most of the oats is cut and on shock. We haven't heard any katydids yet. Milk and meat prices are coming down.

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather for July has been a bit dry for a while. On June 30 we had heavy rain and thunder during the night, about 2-3 in. Another heavy thunder and wind storm with some hail on July 4. Some reported seeing a tornado twister that evening. Some places they had quite a bit of hail, some trees uprooted, etc. We had 5.6" rain, most of it the first and last weeks of July. Corn fields are very spotty; some looks extremely nice and others that poor. Oats is going down and not ready to cut yet. Hay was a heavy crop.

New Wilmington, Pa, by Mrs. Mose C. Byler

Grain crops are all harvested except the oats. Corn is in tassel and growing well. Peaches are ripened and producing well locally. Some will be shipped in, too! Apples are more plentiful than last year. Weather is ideal for July except cooler during the nights. Several warm days, with humidity lower than usual. We had rains, but it is getting dry again.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

July was warm and dry, some cool nights. About ½ inch of rain the forepart, then only some sprinkles until the 28th. Then we had a thunder storm with some wind; no damage except some limbs and old trees. Haying is about done, wheat is being thrashed, oats being cut. All crops look good.

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Fisher

We had below average rainfall in July, only a few showers now and then, until the 29th and 31st when we had a good soaker. We had several warm and humid days the beginning of the month, otherwise very nice weather with cool nights. Farmers were cultivating corn, and are now putting up a good crop of second cutting hay. Corn is tasseling. Sweet cherries were scarce, raspberries and blueberries plentiful and nice and big. Early Harvest apples are ready.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

The month of July was very nice with not too much rain. On the 14th we had two inches; just a few showers since. We had cool nights. The wheat and barley harvest is about done with a heavy crop. One farmer reported 80 bushels to the acre, and straw is piling up. Most of the corn is coming along good. Sweet corn is $1 a doz., wheat $4, hogs$37, cattle $44, calves $54, cows $27, corn $75 a ton at the crib.

Holmes County, Ohio, Mrs. John H. Yoder

July was very warm and dry, temperature mostly in the 80's and 90's. We had thunder showers with some hail on the 29th, a very good soaking rain. Corn was much in need of rain, and the lawns were brown.

Southeastern Holmes, by John L. Yoder

We had a thunder shower the first week in July, then not much rain until the last week. Then we had another thunder shower with about 2'' rain. Wheat thrashing is over, with ideal weather and wheat was in good shape. Oats is on shock, and second crop hay about all made.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Wheat is threshed, and oats in the shock, and looks like a good crop. Corn looks very promising. The old saying is if July makes the stalks, August will make the ears. July surely made the stalk. With the nice shower of rain we had July 29, it should give the corn a boost. Some good quality second cutting hay was put in last week. July was rather dry, no rain from the 4th to the 23rd. Garden vegetables are plentiful.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

July was somewhat dry up to the 29th, when we had 1½ inches rain. Just in time for the corn, as it is tasseling and shooting ears. Wheat and oats harvest was above average, and so is the price. Elevators are paying $4.35 wheat, $1.68 oats. Feeder pigs are hard to move, and the price is way down due to extreme high feed prices brought on by the dry weather.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

July was very dry and warm. Most of the wheat is threshed with a good yield, and most of the oats is cut. We had a thunder shower July 28, but it didn't cool off. Yards are turning brown.

Ashtabula County, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert J. Mast

The last part of June was very wet and hard to get hay made. July has been as dry as June was wet. We had only a few small showers this month. It was real warm except some mornings were quite cool. Milk is down from $9 cwt. to $7.68. Wheat is over $4 bu. Ear corn is hard to find and is $90 to $95 a ton.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

July has been very dry, warm and humid. We didn't have quite an inch of rain here, although a few miles from here they had over 4 inches. Corn looks very wilty and poor at most places. Sweet corn will not be much this year the way it appears now. Wheat yields were from 45-60 bu. per acre. Oats is going anywhere from 50 to 80 bu. per acre. Second cutting hay is very thin and short. Fruit is scarce and high priced.

Utica, Ohio, by Melvin E. Hershberger

The month of July was quite dry. We had two small showers which really helped, enough to keep most of the garden things from dying off. Some corn might be stunted from lack of moisture. Corn is $3.48 a bu.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

July has been unusually dry. We only had a few showers, less than ½ inch of rain. Corn is in tassel. Wheat and oats were a good crop. We had a few weeks of 90° weather, but also had some cool days. Gardens look good. Tomatoes are having a lot of dry-rot.

Centreville, Michigan, by Treva J. Yoder

We had rain July 1, 4, and 22. It is very dry. Corn isn't doing much. Temperatures 90 to 100 many days.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

July was dry and very warm. We had ¼ inch rain the first week, and about that amount near the end of the month. The corn and beans are damaged severely by the drought and heat. Pastures and lawns are quite brown. Wheat and oat yields are average. Hog prices were down to $35 cwt. A few years ago this would have been a good price, but now with expenses high, growers are having a problem making ends meet. Corn is over $3 a bu., wheat from $4.50 to $5. Sugar, which sold for 10¢ to 12¢ a lb. 2 years ago, is selling for 33¢ lb. Fruit is more plentifnl this year then the last two years, but still very high.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We had 1 inch of rainfall on July 4 and 4/10 inch on July 11. First wheat was cut on July 8, which is about a week later than usual. First oats was cut on July 20. Wheat yielded from 20 to 47 bu. per acre. July is coming to an end very dry and warm. Pastures are short and corn is very much in need of rain.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

Weather for July was moderate, although it was getting dry by the last of the month. About 3 in. of rain for the month. Oats is ready to cut. Corn is tasseling. First crop hay was good. Not much wheat is raised in this area. Strawberries were a good crop, and could be picked for 30¢ a qt. Huckleberries and June berries not so plentiful as last year. Seemingly more of a problem with insects on vegetables and potatoes this summer.

Steuben County, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

The first half of June was wet. Nice for the strawberries which were a big crop. The last half was more dry. We had very few thunder storms. July is warm and dry. On the 9th and 18th we had light showers. Temperature in the high 80's and 90. Gardens are drying up. Corn looks curled. Wheat thrashing is over. Yield is from 30 to 35 bu. per acre, selling at $3.50 to $4. People are cutting oats, looks to be a high yield. Second cutting hay will be short. Rainfall is below average. Some late planted corn will be a failure if we don't get rain soon.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

This July was the driest on record. We had quite a few days of Hot weather, in the 90's. The low was 52. Most nights were cool. Thrashing is about all done, and oats was a fair crop. Some corn looks very poor, will probably be a poor crop.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

One word DRY describes July's weather. We had some 90 degree weather, a few showers on July 4; cooled off some but warmed up again. It took a lot of watering in the gardens. We had a very helpful 3/10 inch rain on July 22, but presently we are wishing for more. Wheat was fair, oats not so good. Corn looks good considering how dry it is. Hay was good; however, second cutting was short. Lawns are brown and dry. Blueberries seem to be a good crop. Tomatoes and potatoes seem to do well.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam. K. Stoltzfus

July was very warm and dry, high 80's or low 90's. July 14 it was 101. We had some rain on the second, then again on the 18th, but sun came out and was hot and dry again. Nice weather to thresh wheat. Second cutting hay is short due to dry weather. Green beans do very well, early sweet corn is on the menu. Lots of people are watering gardens, field corn is curling. Oats threshing started July 30.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Mrs. Alvin Burkholder

July can be described quite well with a few words: very warm and dry! Exactly the opposite of what we had in June. However, the last week did bring relief from the heat, but no moisture to speak of. We had some very pleasant cool days and nights. Corn fields and gardens are suffering from lack of rainfall. Green beans and pickles are rather scarce for many housewives, whereas peas were so plentiful. Time will tell how much the drought affected the sweet corn, tomatoes, etc. On August 1st and 2nd we did get a little rain; the parched ground drank in every drop!

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni, D. Gingerich

July has been dry, very warm, and also cool. The high was 101 on the 14th and the low was 53 on the twelfth. We had only a few good warm corn-growing nights. We had less than an inch of rain, in scattered showers. We had ten days of sunshine, two days with no sunshine, and the rest were partly cloudy. Wheat was very good this year. One man sold his wheat right out of the field to the local elevator, and he claims it weighed out 79 bushels to the acre. Another one reported 61 bu., but most of it made from 40 to 55. Oats looks like a fair crop, but hasn't been threshed yet. Corn and soybeans look fairly good yet on the low ground and the heavy soil, but they seem to be badly hurt already on the lighter sandy regions where the dry weather has affected it more. No peaches have appeared on the market yet. Potatoes and other vegetables are suffering from lack of rain.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

June was pleasant with an ample amount of rainfall. Mid-month there were twister-like winds doing some damage, accompanied by hail. July has been very dry with a lot of warm, humid weather. A few cool mornings of 54 on the 21st and 56 on the 30th. On the 22nd a shower of 4/10 inch was appreciated, but that was all the rain for the month except for a few dust layers. Weather records show for central Indiana that only twice since 1887 less than an inch of rainfall was reported, it being 0.77 inch in 1936 and 0.83 inch in 1940. Gardens are sufffering although lots are irrigating. Oats is being harvested. Lots of corn is very uneven in size and tasseling, probably due to a wet May, but anice color yet in spite of dryness. Lawns are brown. Fat hogs around 37¢.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

July was a real nice month, except dry toward the end. We had 3 inches rain, the last on the 19th. Oats and wheat are all cut. Wheat made from 40 to 60 bu. and oats from 45 to 65 bu. an acre. Second cutting hay is being put up with a heavy crop. Crops look good right around here, but 10 miles away they are lacking moisture. The low for July was 55 on the 12th, high 93. We had warm days, but cool nights to sleep. We had 20 sunny days, 10 partly cloudy, and 1 rainy day. Corn is pretty well tasseled, soybeans up to knee high or higher. Some wheat stubble was planted to soybeans, which are also looking nice. Women are canning sweet corn. Tomatoes and blackberries are ripe.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

June was mostly dry. Corn was planted late due to earlier rains. July was hot and dry. Nearly everything is suffering from lack of moisture. Less than an inch of rain during July. Corn is damaged, also gardens and pastures. Corn has gone up to $3.75 bu. Sugar is $3.75 per 10 lb.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Dienner

The weather has been rather warm during the day, but cooled off nights. The low was 54. Late corn looks nice, and seems to be growing fast. It came in tassel while very short. Oats is mostly harvested, yield from 40 to 60 bu. per acre. We had about 2 in. rain in July.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

Weather remains dry. Corn looks like a fair crop. Beans are suffering from lack of moisture. We had 2 inches rainfall for July, but it dries off fast with this warm weather. Grain prices are jumping fast. Beans $8.40, corn $3.65, wheat $4.15 (per bu.).

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

July was hot and humid. It was getting dry, then the week of the 22nd it rained 2 inches. Third cutting hay is being made, and late beans are being cultivated. Cattle and hog prices are way down according to feed prices. Grain prices are up. Beans are over $8 per bu., corn over $3.50, wheat over $4 per bu.

Reno County (Haven), Kansas, by E. E. Schrock

July has been hot and dry. We had three weeks of 100 and over temperature. A nice rain July 24, very spotted, from ½ to 2 inches. A few people are putting corn in their silos now. Row crop show a nice growth since the rain. It has cooled off considerably.

Reno County (Partridge) Kansas, by Edward Mast

July brought us very little rain. Some parts of the state have had more, but our area had about ¼ inch in the last 48 days. Late milo is still looking pretty good, but not headed yet. Pastures are brown, and hay is scarce and high priced.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

July is reported to be the driest month since 1943. Rainfall totaling 0.18. High was 110 on July 21, low 58 on July 30. Prairie hay is yielding below average. The corn crop will be cut short due to higher temperature than usual, with unusually dry. Soybeans are looking pretty good. There is a big variation in the outlook of milo due to dates of planting. Many are putting corn silage in now.

Arabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

We have had rather dry, even though we received nearly 6 inches of rain, We had a few real warm winds which dried out everything, causing cracks in the ground. The 2 inches of rain the last week has pretty well closed them. We have had real warm days the middle of the month, being in the 90's. The highest was 105. The last week it has cooled off considerably especially during the night. Oats and timothy seed turned out good. Timothy seed price dropped from 25¢ to 18¢ per lb. during harvest. Corn from local elevators is $4.20 per bu. Milk down to $5.10 for 4% test.

Fortuna, Missouri, by Menno C. Miller

The rainfall for the month of July totaled slightly less than an inch. Pastures have dried up, and May planted corn will make about a half crop. The early corn is fair, and the late corn is still green. Feeder cattle $35, fat cattle $45. Fat hogs $36, feeder pigs $28. It looks like a good time to invest, for those who have feed.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

On July 3 we had 2 to 3 inches of rain, but only a few tenths since then, so it is getting real dry. We had much 90 to 100 degree weather, several days up to 106 in the shade. Lawns are quite brown, and grass in pastures is drying up. Oats threshing is finished, with about 30 to 40 bu. average. Feeder pigs sell real cheap at present, and with corn at $3.75 per bu. farmers hardly know what to do with their pigs.

Pike County, Missouri, by George D. Yoder

July is on the dry side, only about 3 to 3½ inches rain, and some rather warm days. Most corn and bean fields look good yet, but rain would help them. Wheat and oats are threshed with yields below normal due to weather conditions.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

DRY is still the main word in our community. We had several showers lately, but did not soak enough to save corn. Lots of gardens that cannot be irrigated are about dried up. Milk prices are down to $5.40 for 3.5 test. Feed prices have gone up again. Fat hogs recovered, but pigs still down.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

July was hot and dry. On the 4th we had 1¾ inches rain, only light showers since. Daytime temperatures from 90 to 100 degrees. Thrashing was completed by July 27, earlier than most years. Oats did not yield very good; there was some blight or disease in it that seemed to affect the yield. Corn and beans still have a nice color considering the weather. Pastures are bare. There don't appear to be any peaches available. Grapevines have very few grapes on them. Potatoes are a short crop, but better than last year. Many apple trees are hanging full. Grain prices are extremely high, causing feeder stock to be cheap.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The first three weeks of July were exceptionally warm, with the thermometer ranging in the high 80's and 90's. The last week was cooler. We had 2 3/10 inches of rain for this area. Oats is all in shock, and thrashing will start around August 1.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmukker

July 3 we had 3" rain, then it turned real warm with temperatures up to 102 for a week or so. We had 3/10 in. on the 20th, then 2" on the 27th. It was real dry in between. First cutting hay was good, but second is short. Corn and beans look fair. Oats was a short crop. Beans are $8.90, corn $3.57, oats $1.90. Milk $5.16 for 3.7 test.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

We had nice weather in July. We had 3 rainy spells, no heavy downpours, but enough to keep crops looking good. The first half was very warm, but cooled off around the 20th. Farmers are putting up second crop hay, which is short, and cutting oats. A lot of corn is in tassels, late corn also looks nice. Milk is still down to $6.20, cows for slaughter 20¢ to 24¢ per lb. Calves and milk cows also cheap.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

July was dry with some very warm days. We had very little rainfall all through the month. Some very nice hay was put up in July; very favorable haying weather. Crops on sandy soil are suffering from lack of rain. Lawns are turning brown. Oats is being cut and shocked. Farmers are putting up second cutting hay.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Amos U. Gingerich

July has been dry. We had a welcome rain a week ago. Crops are doing good.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Bontrager

We had a few showers the forepart of July. After that it was quite warm and dry. Gardens showed the dryness, some people irrigated. Corn was curling. Our dry spell ended when we received over 2 inches rain on July 24. Oats and second crop hay are being cut. Oats appears to be a fair yield. Peas are past and were a fair crop, especially for one family who canned over 100 quart from 3 lbs. of seed. Blackberries look promising. Potato growers started digging early potatoes. Yield is not as good as some years. Price is around $2 for 100 lbs. Other farm prices are still quite low, compared to feed and groceries, etc.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

Nice hay weather during most of July. Hay was a good crop. July was warm and dry. We had a few scattered showers, and July 26 a hailstorm, where some crop damage was reported, but mostly south of our community. Oats is ready to be harvested.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

The month of July was ideal haying weather, finally got first crop put in. We are having rains almost just when we need them. Crops look good, and plenty of pasture yet. Garden things are also plentiful. No oats cut yet.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock, Sr.

July was a nice month. Lots of nice hay was put up, and lots of corn cultivated. Oats just started to harvest. July 2 it rained a nice shower, the 12th and 13th rain and a wind storm that blew down some trees. We had some real warm days up to 90 degrees, but the last part of the month was cooler and is dry.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

The beginning of July was wet and very changeable. Starting the 6th it turned warm and remained so quite awhile. On the 14th it rained about an inch. It was accompanied by high wind, thunder and enough hailstones that the ground was almost covered. No serious damage was done but it did tear leaves and break small plants, etc. The rest of the month we had several showers but it didn't amount to much, and is getting to be on the dry side. Oats is turning in colour and soon ready to harvest. Corn is coming into tassels.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

July started in with rain and much thunder and lightening in some places, followed by several sultry days and more rain. July 6 it cooled off considerably and turned dry. The remainder of July was mostly dry with very little measurable rainfall until the 22nd, then we had 3/10 inch. Our next rain was on July 29 which brought us 6/10 more and broke the dry spell temporarily. Total rainfall for July was 1.7 inches. Some crops were suffering. Second crop hay is very slow coming back again. Some barley is cut and oats are turning.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

The fore part of July was ideal haying weather. Much nice hay was stored, even though it was late. On July 14th we had two severe electrical storms which blew over trees and took off some roofs and limbs. On July 18th we had another one. The two storms brought us from 2½ to 3 in. of rain in short order. This varied quite a bit in our area. Since then we've had an unusual number of less severe thundershowers. All these showers have helped the corn which had been put in so late. Corn is now in tassels and shooting ears. Oats is turning yellow fast with the early oats nearly ready for cutting. Some second cutting hay is being mowed. As of the last week in July, we have warm days and cool nights.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

A real nice July, ideal haying weather. Most farmers are done with the hay. Wheat is getting ripe.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

We had ideal haying weather the first part of July, with light showers on the 14th. It was turning dry until the 25th we had a good shower. It has been somewhat wet ever since. Earliest sown grain is beginning to ripen, but none has been cut. Wheat was cut the last week.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

July came in warm with nice rains. We had a lot of 80 degree weather, cool mornings. One morning it was down to 48. Very good growing weather. Strawberries were a good crop here. Plenty of vegetables ready and being canned. We had quite a wind and rain storm the 21st. A silo blew down. Some corn stood in water, also had hail in places, bad for the corn.

MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Coblentz – Jacob, son of Henry and Miriam Mast, to Mary Ann, daughter of Freeman and Anna Mary Coblentz, July 4, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz.

Utica, Ohio

Garber, Miller – Galen, son of LeRoy and Viola (Garver) Garber, to Ruth Ann, daughter of Cletus and Esther (Troyer) Miller, July 11, by Bishop John Mast from Kansas.

Ashland, Ohio

Miller, Troyer – Henry, son of Dea. Samuel E. and Susie Miller, to Katie, daughter of Menno J. and Esther Troyer, July 4, by the bride's grandfather, Bishop Em. E. Shrock.

Allen County, Indiana

Schmucker, Lengacher – David, son of David and the late Anna (Graber) Schmucker, to Anna Mae, daughter of Rudy and Irene (Miller) Lengacher, July 11, by Bishop Samuel J. Graber.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Mast – Christy, son of the late Emanuel and Millie (Weaver) Miller, to Carolyn, daughter of Henry and Wilma (Miller) Mast, July 4.

Lehman, Miller – Nelson, son of the late Levi J. and Susie (Yoder) Lehman, to Esther, daughter of Joe B. Jr. and Mary (Eash) Miller, July 4, by Bishop Clemence Miller.

Garnett, Kansas

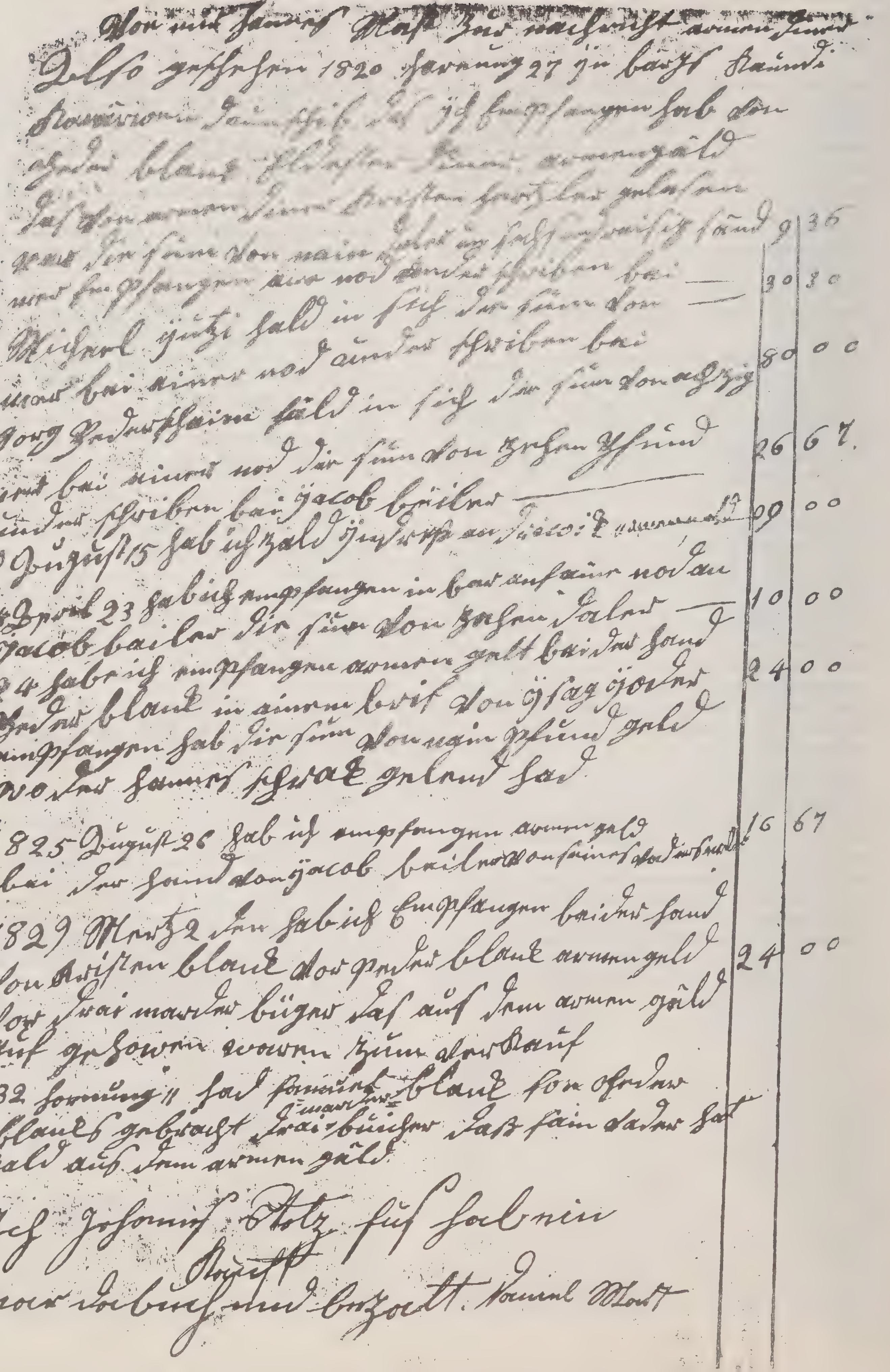
Schrock, Keim – Daniel, son of Feltie and Bertha (Yoder) Schrock, to Nancy, daughter of Menno and Esther (Farmwald) Keim, July 11, by Bishop Jerry Yoder.

Correction and Addition to

SENIOR MEMBERS LIST

John J. Keim, Ashland R5, Ohio, died last August so his name should have been omitted from our Senior Members list.

May 28, 1892 – Fannie, wife of John A. Hochstetler
July 8, 1894 – John A. Hochstetler, Nappanee, Ind.



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Peder Blank in einem brif von Iſag Yoder - 24 00
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Hannes Schrak gelend had.

1825 Auguſt 26 hab ich empfangen armen geld bei der hand
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1832 Hornung 11 had Samuel Blank fon Peder Blanks gebracht drai
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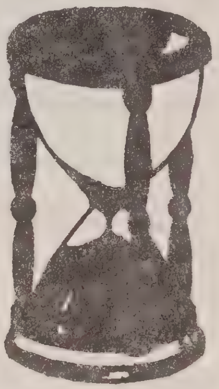
Ich Johannis Stoltzfus hab ein Marda buch kauft und bezalt.
Daniel Maſt

The Hour Glass



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE GEORGE AND CHRISTINA (NISSLEY) PETERSHEIM FAMILY

BY Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

(96) Fannie Petersheim (85), born April 19, 1825, died July 19, 1900, married to Joseph Kennel, born in Alsace, France, died June 25, 1913 at ninety years of age. They lived on the farm now owned by Elmer S. Stoltzfus, about one mile north of the present site of Millwood, before they moved with the brother-in-law, Christian Petersheim, to Midland, Fauquier County, Virginia. When they returned to Lancaster County they moved to the farm now owned by Enos Stoltzfus along the Low Grade Railroad midway between Christiana and Nine Points.

Joseph Kennel, mentioned above, was one of the children of Joseph and Magdalena (Neuhauser) Kennel from Alsace-Lorraine, France. They came to this country about 1820. Joseph Kennel, the husband of Magdalena, died at sea or soon after they landed. With them on the ship was Christian Neuhauser, a brother to Magdalena (see page 192 of the October 1972 issue of THE DIARY for the Neuhauser family).

If you will look at the last month's issue of THE DIARY in the article written by Joseph Stoll (page 115), of the Montbeliard church records, you will find the name Kennel, which he states was mentioned more than forty times. Of interest was the name, Christian Kennel, ordained preacher in 1780 and bishop in 1787. It could be that was the ancestor of our Kennel family of today.

The Kennel families were of the Amish till the beginning of the Amish Mennonite church at Millwood and at Morgantown in 1877. It seems that Joseph Kennel had at least one brother, John Kennel, married to Mary Mast, that also lived at Midland in Fauquier County, Virginia. Joseph and Fannie (Petersheim) Kennel had at least one son, (97) John P. Kennel (96), born in 1848, died in 1902, he was a deacon of the Millwood Church, married to Mattie Glick, daughter of David and Magdalena (Lantz)

Glick of Union Co., Pa. They had nine children of which two were John A. Kennel, married to Emma Kauffman, who was long time bishop at Millwood Mennonite Church, and his brother, Isaac G. Kennel, who was deacon.

(98) Samuel Petersheim (85), born June 18, 1829, died in 1900, married to Mary Mast, born Feb. 13, 1833, died in 1904, a daughter of Preacher Daniel and Rachel (Blank) Mast. They were of the Amish faith till the start of the Conestoga Amish Mennonite Church in 1877. To this union were born seven children. Two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, were unmarried. The sons were (99) Daniel Petersheim (98), married to Annie Kennel; and (106) John M. Petersheim (98), married Elizabeth King; (101) Levi Petersheim (98), married to Fanny Neuhauser, he was a farmer and well driller af Morgantown, Pa., this business is still going as the Petersheim well drillers; (102) Samuel Petersheim Jr. (98), married to Barbara Kurtz; another daughter, (103) Rachel Petersheim (98), married to Ezra Renno, son of David Renno.

(104) Rachel Petersheim (85), born in 1834, died March 1, 1912, married to John Z. Lapp Jr., who died in 1910. To this union was born one infant child. They lived on the Irishtown Road where the King Sisters now have their greenhouses. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Zook) Lapp Sr. This John Lapp Sr. was a son of Michael and Catharine (Rickenbach) Lapp. Michael died in the Maiden Creek section of Berks County, as a man about thirty years old. When his two children were small the widow of Michael and her two children then moved to Mifflin Co., Pa. There John Sr. grew to manhood and married to Elizabeth Zook, a daughter of Preacher Daniel and Catharine (King) Zook of Mifflin County. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1847. John Lapp Sr. moved from Mifflin County to the Buffalo Valley in Union County, and from there to Lancaster County, where he remarried to Catharine King, widow of Christian Dienner of the Conestoga Valley. When they moved to Lancaster County they moved on the farm now owned by Widow Sadie Esh, one mile north of Gordonville, joining land of his son, John Z. Lapp Jr. (mentioned above). These two John Lapp's went by the names of "Valley John Lapp" to distinguish between them and other John Lapp's living in Lancaster County at that time.

(105) Leah Petersheim (85), born Dec. 19, 1832, died Jan. 1903, married to Jonathan L. Fisher, born Nov. 20, 1831, died March 22, 1878, a son of Benjamin and Lydia (Lantz) Fisher. They resided at the farm along Route 30 at Soudersburg, now owned by David S. Fisher. To them were born one son and three daughters, namely: (106) John P. Fisher (105), born March 31, 1856, died in 1926, married to Mattie Beiler, born March 23, 1858. Their only child was (107) Benjamin B. Fisher (106) married to Mary Stoltzfus, and lived on the home farm. One of their children, Sara E. Fisher, is one of the typists of THE DIARY.

(108) Elizabeth P. Fisher (105), born Feb. 27, 1859, married to Jonas Zook, son of Bishop Eli and Rebecca (Lapp) Zook, who, in turn, was a son of Bishop (Long) Christian Zook of Belleville, Pa. One of their daughters, (109) Lydia Zook (108), married to David Graber, second to Christian Neuenschwander, both of Adams County, Indiana. Another son was (119) Amos Zook (108), married to Rebecca Beiler. One of their sons, (111) Emanuel Zook (110), married to Leah Dienner, is a minister of the Lower Pequea District at Limeville. Another son (112) Jonathan Zook (108) is married to Katie Zook. One of their daughters, (113) Rebecca Zook (112) was married to the late David C. Swarey of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania.

(114) Leah Fisher (105), married to Christian Stoltzfus of near New Holland. They had nine daughters and two sons. To mention one daughter is (115) Fannie (114), married to Emanuel F. Stoltzfus, who donated a lot of time in collecting and preserving material of the Petersheim family. They live at Churchtown in the Conestoga Valley.

(116) Lydia Fisher (105), married to Benuel Stoltzfoos, son of Christian and Catharine (Kurtz) Stoltzfoos. Their son, (117) John F. Stoltzfoos (116), married to Annie Lapp, still lives on the home farm along the Stumptown Road, with their son, John Jr. Another son is (118) Benuel Stoltzfoos (117) of Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania.

(119) Nancy Petersheim (85), born in 1837, died April 1917, married to Christian Lapp, born May 3, 1835, died in 1913, son of John S. and Catharine (King) Lapp. They lived in Salisbury Township and had no children.

(120) Christiana Petersheim (85), born Feb. 4, 1839, married to Moses Riehl, born April 20, 1836, a son of Jacob and Gertrude (Yoder) Riehl of Juniata Co., Pa. They raised their family in Lancaster Co. Several of their grandchildren are in the ministry at present, namely: Ephraim Riehl of Millcreek, and Levi Riehl of Honey Brook, also a great-grandson, Bishop David Riehl of Kirkwood. There appears a list of the Riehl families in the 1972 issues of THE DIARY.

(121) John S. Petersheim (85), born March 10, 1841, died Dec. 28, 1923, married to Lizzie Blank, born March 23, 1839, died Jan. 26, 1903, a daughter of Deacon Christian and Catharine (Yoder) Blank. They had six children, of which two died young, and Daniel B. Petersheim who died single in 1948 at the age of 76 years. He was a carpet weaver and lived in the town of Intercourse. (122) Katie Petersheim (121), born about 1867, married to Benjamin H. Yoder who was the only child of Jonas and Catharine (Kenegy) Yoder. This Yoder family lived one fourth mile south of the town of Intercourse on the farm now owned and occupied by Isaac S. Zook. To this union were born two children, John Yoder and Jonas Yoder. Katie, the mother of these two children, died when they were just small children. Benjamin H. Yoder then remarried to Sarah Ellen

Schlabach, born Aug. 27, 1868, daughter of Christian and Matilda (Hochstetler) Schlabach of Somerset Co., Pa. and moved to Somerset County, leaving the two children in Lancaster County in care of their grandparents, John and Lizzie Petersheim. John Yoder, the oldest of the two children, was baptized into the Amish Church Sometime after that he left for the western states and was never heard of again. Jonas Yoder, the other boy, died single several years ago in the town of Gap. Benjamin H. Yoder and his second wife, Sarah Ellen Schlabach, had one son, Noah B. Yoder, born Dec. 2, 1906 in Somerset Co., Pa.

(123) Isaac B. Petersheim (121), born April 17, 1870, died in 1949, married to Susie Umble who died in 1938. They have one son, Benjamin Petersheim, living at Honey Brook, Pennsylvania.

(124) John B. Petersheim (121), born in 1873, married to Rebecca Smoker, died in 1956, daughter of Noah and Leah (Stoltzfus) Smoker. John was ordained to the ministry in 1914 and bishop in 1931. To them were born two sons: (125) Samuel Petersheim (124), born in 1902, died Nov. 1936, married to Ada Zook, daughter of Morris and Susan (Beiler) Zook of Honey Brook, Pa. Ada was born in 1906 and died Dec. 18, 1935. Samuel and his wife, Ada, died less than eleven months apart and left one surviving child, Susan Petersheim, born Aug. 26, 1931. The other son was (126) Jacob Petersheim (124), married first to Annie Lapp, second to Emma Petersheim and lives at Georgetown, Pennsylvania.

(127) Gideon Petersheim (85), the youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Petersheim, was born in 1842, died Jan. 18, 1912, married to Annie King, daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Zook) King, born Dec. 1841, died Dec. 29, 1889. To them were born two children: Lydia, born in 1873, died single in 1943; and (126) John Petersheim, born March 21, 1883, died April 6, 1932 from injuries received from the attack of a bull on his farm now owned by Amos S. King one mile northeast of Intercourse. He was married to Mary Stoltzfus, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Zook) Stoltzfus. To them were born three children: Emma Petersheim, married to Jacob Petersheim, mentioned above, and Enos and Isaac Petersheim, both living in the Georgetown section. One grandson, Christian R. Petersheim, is a minister in the Nickle Mines District.

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LITTLE DEEDS OF KINDNESS

1. Suppose the little cowslip
   Should hang its golden cup,
   And say, "I'm such a tiny flower,
   I'd better not grow up;"
   How many a weary traveler
   Would miss its fragrant smell;
   How many a little child would mourn
   Its absence from the dell!

2. Suppose the glistening dewdrop
   Upon the grass should say,
   "What can a little dewdrop do?
   I'd better roll away;"
   The blade on which it rested,
   Before the day was done,
   Without a drop to moisten it,
   Would wither in the sun.

3. Suppose the little breezes
   Upon a summer's day,
   Should think themselves too small to cool
   The traveler on his way;
   Who would not miss the smallest
   And softest ones that blow,
   And think they make a great mistake
   If they were talking so?

4. How many deeds of kindness
   A little child may do,
   Although it has so little strength,
   And little wisdon too!
   It wants a loving spirit,
   Much more than strength to prove
   How many things a child may do
   For others, by its love.

THE WAY TO BE BRAVE

1.

Speak gently to that poor old man,
Pick up his fallen cane,
And place it gently in his hand,
That he may walk again.
His bundle, too, replace with care
Beneath his trembling arm;
Brave all the taunts that you may hear
To give his life a charm.

2.

A braver deed that scorners boast
Will be your triumph then,—
A braver deed that annuals tell
Of some distinguished men.
Yes, leave the thoughtless, sneering crowd,
Dare to be good and kind;
Then let them laugh as laugh they may,
Pass on; but never mind.

3.

Pass on; but think once more of him,
The wreck that you have seen;
How once a happy boy, like you,
He sported on the green;
A cloudless sky above his head,
The future bright and fair,
And friends all watching o'er his couch,
To breathe affections prayer.

4.

But oh, the change! He wanders now
Forsaken, lone, and sad;
Thrice blessed is the task of those
Who strive to make him glad.
Speak kindly to that poor old man,
Pick up his fallen cane
For that will ease his burdened heart
And make him smile again.

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LITTLE PEETO AND THE GIANT.

Dear little Peeto! what a gay, blithe creature he was! He used to go singing about nearly all day; he was always merry, and scarcely any thing could make him sad.

One day, little Peeto went off to take a ramble in a large forest, at some distance from his home. He had often been on the sides of the forest; but it looked so dark, he was afraid to enter.

But Peeto was more merry than usual on this day; for the sun shone so brightly, and the flowers looked so lovely, that he sang and whistled, till the woods rang with his music. He amused himself, for some time, among the trees and flowers, and, at last, seemed quite glad to have found such a pleasant spot.

There was a clear brook running through the woods, and the waters looked so clean, that Peeto, being very thirsty, stooped down to drink; but, just at that moment, he was suddenly seized from behind, and found himself in the hands of a great, fierce, ugly-looking giant.

The giant looked at him with savage delight; his mouth opened, and he made a noise which seemed to Peeto quite terrible. Peeto thought that the giant would instantly devour him. This, however, he did not do, but put him into a large bag, and carried him away.

The poor little captive tried to get out of the bag; but, to no purpose. The giant held him fast. At last, the giant came to his own house, which was a gloomy-looking place, with a high wall all around it, and no trees or flowers. When he went in, he shut the door, and took Peeto out of the bag.

Peeto now thought he should be killed; for, as he looked around, he saw a large fire, and before it were four victims, like himself, roasting for the giant's supper. The giant, however, did not kill Peeto. He took him round the body, and gave him such a squeeze as to put him in great pain; and then threw him into a prison which he had prepared for him.

It was a dark and dreary place, with iron bars set all around, to prevent his getting out. Peeto beat his head against the iron bars, and dashed backward and forward in his dungeon, trying to make his escape. The giant gave him a piece of dry bread and a cup of water, and left him.

The next day, the giant came and saw that Peeto had eaten none of his bread; so he took him by the head, and crammed some of it down his throat, and seemed quite vexed to think he would not eat. Poor little Peeto! he was too much frightened to eat or drink.

He was left alone, in the dark, another day; and a sad day it was. The poor creature thought of his own home, his companions, the sunlight, the trees, and the many nice things he used to get to eat, and then he screamed, tried to get between the iron bars, and beat his head and limbs sore in trying to get out.

The giant came again, and wanted Peeto to sing, just as he did when he was merry. "Sing! sing! sing!" said he; but poor Peeto was too sad to sing in a prison.

The giant now seemed quite in a rage, and took Peeto out to make him sing. Peeto gave a loud scream, a plunge, a struggle, and sank dead in the giant's hand! Ah! my young readers, poor **PEETO WAS A LITTLE BIRD**, and **THE GIANT WAS A CRUEL BOY.**

Afraid of growing old? Afraid to die?
When each day brings us nearer to our Home on High!
Nearer to our loved ones, who have gone before,
waiting to receive us on that Heavenly Shore. Here
pain is oft our portion, our eyes tears often dim,
sorrowing over dear ones, still far off from Him.
Soon we'll leave forever sighing and regret,
Prayers our lips have uttered, will be answered yet.
Acts 16:31-32

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

THE AMISH IN PEQUEA VALLEY BEFORE 1800

When did the Pequea Amish Church originate? This question does not bother the majority of our adult groups today, nor has it seriously bothered those of us who are assigned to writing pages for THE DIARY or to furnish historical data for our map and directory editions, until the question was asked by prominent sources for a reason. To this we feel obligated to answer to the best of our knowledge on Scriptural grounds as quoted in I Peter 3:15 "Seyd aber allezeit bereit zur verantwortung jederman, die hoffnung die in euch ist." Perhaps the easiest way to answer the question is to say that the Pequea started around 1800 when the Stoltzfuses came. In reality it does mark the beginning of a time when our Pequea church flourished to bring fruit of prosperity a half century later. But to begin at this date would be leaving out actual elements of the ursprung (the spring) of the Pequea, besides neglecting some rich heritage factors that bear effects not only to the Pequea but to other communities in Mifflin County, Somerset County and the west.

Lower Pequea

Our initial settlers of this region chose the highlands of the Pequea Valley which is now Salisbury Township and vicinity. But in spite of it being the highlands, it is called the Lower Pequea even to this day. This is an American custom which derives from the beginning of colonization in Pennsylvania. The bull's eye is at Philadelphia, everything pointing north and west from there are uplands, which created an American standard, in the east, that when you go north and west you go up, when you travel south and east you go down regardless of the mean elevation. Since the Mine Ridge and the Welsh Mountains are topographically the most elevated points between the Schuylkill and the Susquehanna we are caught with our streams flowing westward, but we still hold to the old tradition in general. The German custom in this respect is contrary to the American, the lowlands are to the north, the highlands to the south.

A Stepping Stone

The Pequea Valley served as a stepping stone to our poineer settlers. Very few European immigrants have settled directly in the Pequea, and to this there must be a reason. The Mennonites have settled directly here, the majority of the Amish have settled in northwestern Berks County, some in the Cocalico hills and some in the west Conestoga Valley. To make the reason clear we should look at the map above. Perhaps the time of coming across is in large the answer. We must remember that most of our forefathers came to America poor. They could not at once buy a tract of land already surveyed and patented to a party with improvements and privileges, so they must resort to a land grant or warrant and start from scratch, which we would call homesteading today. We will note that from the shiplist studies we find a few from the same ship to settle in the West Conestoga Valley as early as 1737 while the bulk would settle in Berks County which is plain to see that a few of the more fortunate ones (financially) could buy patented tracts. This section was practically all warranted to pioneers before that date. The same holds true to the Pequea Valley, very few, if any, of our first settlers in the Pequea received land grants, but bought a patented tract from someone. After a county was formed and oficially organized the land within that territory was opened to grants. A look at our map will tell us that the timing of our major shiplists from 1737–1750 was too late to receive grants in the Pequea or Conestoga Valleys and we do not believe that they were unaware of these rich fertile valleys, so the majority resorted to the Northkill area which had just opened in 1736. (See map.)

With this in mind we can have a more precise answer to a question frequently asked, "Why didn't the Amish settle in the Pequea at the beginning?" It will show us that the Pequea was a second step as place of abode for some of our immigrants and a permanent setting for many of the second generation.

The Northkill Distraction

After a course of prime years the Northkill disbanded (1763–1770's) and from then on it gradually dissolved, and this was for more than one reason. Traditionally the main reason was on account of the Indian attacks. These seemed to be the most severe in 1755. In spite of this our Northkill congregation may have been the strongest in 1770. We are not satisfied to believe that it was the only reason.

One factor we must realize in this story is that the soils may have began to deplete. They did not yet practice the use of lime, crop rotation was not yet practiced in America, the soils of northwestern Berks County are light and thin compared to those in the Chester, Conesfoga and Pequea Valleys. Besides these and other problems confronting them, it created three major movements. One of these was to the Conestoga Valley (east end), one to the Chester Valley and the other to Brothers Valley, now Somerset County. Only a sprinkling of these chose the Pequea Valley. Later some of the Chester Valley group, as well as a few of the Conestoga's, settled in the Pequea. At this point it looks clear to add that of those who left the Northkill, some of them progressed in material gains and could now afford to buy farms with buildings and privileges in the rich valleys, and some preferred to go west and homestead the beautiful valleys in the Appalachians without running the risk of losing their earned proceeds by investing in more luxurious homes and pattern of life.

From the John Holly (1805) of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania letter we gather another segment which we may not have observed before. The latter is to a relative in Germany describing the conditions in America, quotes as follows: "Dear Friends, our young folks are becoming greater in numbers so that after a while we will have to move again. (His previous move was from Lancaster County in 1793.) The land without settlement is very expensive, from 20 to 70 dollars an acre. The nearer to the sea the more expensive the land."

So far we have only dealt with the material side of early church life although we well know there is another side to answer the question, "Why wasn't the Pequea settled at an earlier date?" To get the full details we must turn the pages back to our church in Europe. We have reason to believe that the most conservative part of the church in Europe banded to America including the Mennonites as well as the Amish. This thing of crossing the ocean in the eighteenth century mode of seafare was not an act of play or of curiosity, it took much courage driven from deep conviction of heart by faith. In many cases it was a farewell from relatives and friends forever, besides a dangerous undertaking. It can be estimated that more of our people have lost their lives in the Atlantic for religious sake than the lives lost at home for the same cause at that time. So when they come to America they must be careful not to forfeit their convictions. The most conservative were later found banded in a region we call the Northkill. When the time comes that they must disband they will still be careful. Perhaps the most liberal group moved to the Chester Valley where they soon reached their goal of having a meeting house of worship, which may have been an issue already in the Northkill. This congregation dissolved after the course of a few decades. Of other liberal groups were those who settled the Conestoga and Pequea Valleys who would adjust their life pattern more easily to the English settlers and the Mennonites who had settled the area for about one half century. Everything from here north and northwest to the Blue Mountains was settled with German speaking people. The conservative group of the Northkill had a tendency to shy away from this English section, and bypassed the Pequea completely.

The Lower Pequea

Until recently we have thought the Lower Pequea to derive from the Conestoga Church or to be a branch of it. However it was supervised by Peter Blank, a bishop of the Conestoga, until his death in 1831, then his brother, John Blank, was entrusted a full office until his death in 1835. John Blank was ordained a full deacon,[1] we have no record of an ordained bishop in the Lower Pequea until Christian Umble was ordained. The early settlers of the Lower Pequea were the Dr. John Blank family (see page 142, June 1974 issue of THE DIARY). According to C. J. Mast they moved to this area in 1769. His son-in-law, Joseph Hostetler, kept the Heidelberg tracts for awhile.[2] Before the year 1800 his son, John, and five sons-in-law had lived (one died) in Salisbury Township, and also some grandchildren. The following are listed in 1771–1782 tax returns of Salisbury Township: Dr. John Plank, John Plank Jr., John Holly, Joseph Garver, first husband of Barbara Plank, and Christian Umble, second husband of Barbara Plank. Jacob Reeser lived in Chester County, one quarter mile south of Compass. Jacob Yoder and John Yoder are listed in the 1790's.

The immigrant (1740), Abraham Kurtz, moved into southern Earl Township in 1767, also in the Pequea watersheds. His son, Jacob, and a Christie Kurtz are taxable in Salisbury Township in 1771–1782. Jacob Coffman and Michael Troyer are taxable in Salisbury Township in 1779. John Plank of the Spring Garden area is taxable in Salisbury Township in 1782. Other taxables of the Pequea Valley are Christian Smucker, Leacock Twp., 1789; Jacob Koenig and Jacob Yoder of Leacock Twp., 1791; Christian King, Leacock Twp., 1796. A Miller family is known to have resided in the Cambridge area in the Brandywine watershed and may have belonged to the Pequea congregation.

Chester County

In West Nantmeal and West Caln Township tax returns we have a list that may have belonged to the Pequea congregation. Jacob Kauffman and John Holly appear in both counties, they may have been located on the county line. Christian Fisher, John Zook, Henry Yoder, Michael Miller, Christian Miller, Abraham Kauffman, and Christian Detweiler are listed in West Nantmeal Township. John Zuck Jr., Jacob Miller, and Christian Zook are listed in West Caln Township. The latter is in the Compass–Cambridge area.

John Blank was the Lower Pequea church leader. Abraham Kurtz is known to be a minister. John Hooly was also a minister. Perhaps there was a deacon unknown to us today. Perhaps one of John Blank's sons was ordained after the death of Abraham Kurtz. Another son was ordained after John Hooly moved to Mifflin County, Pennsylvania in 1793.

Now that the Lower Pequea had its own ministry, as did the Conestoga district, it must be considered an organized congregation of its own before 1800 with a birth date of about 1769. The Conestoga church started at about the same time. Rather than one deriving from the other they can be regarded as twin districts. By request, Joseph F. Beiler

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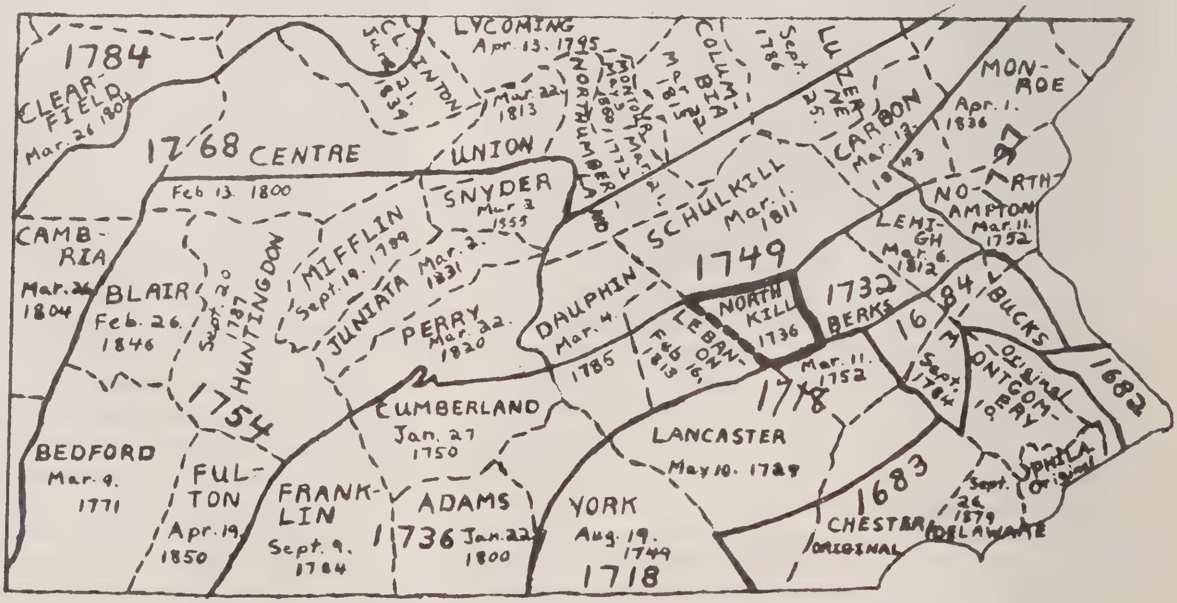
[1] From the Conestoga church alms records.

[2] Joseph Hostetler remained on part of the Dr. John Blank plantation in Heidelberg Twp., Berks Co. until about 1806. In 1810 he bought a tract of land in Mifflin Co., Pa. where he died. Since he had possession of the alms book for one year, 1797–1798, he must be regarded as a deacon.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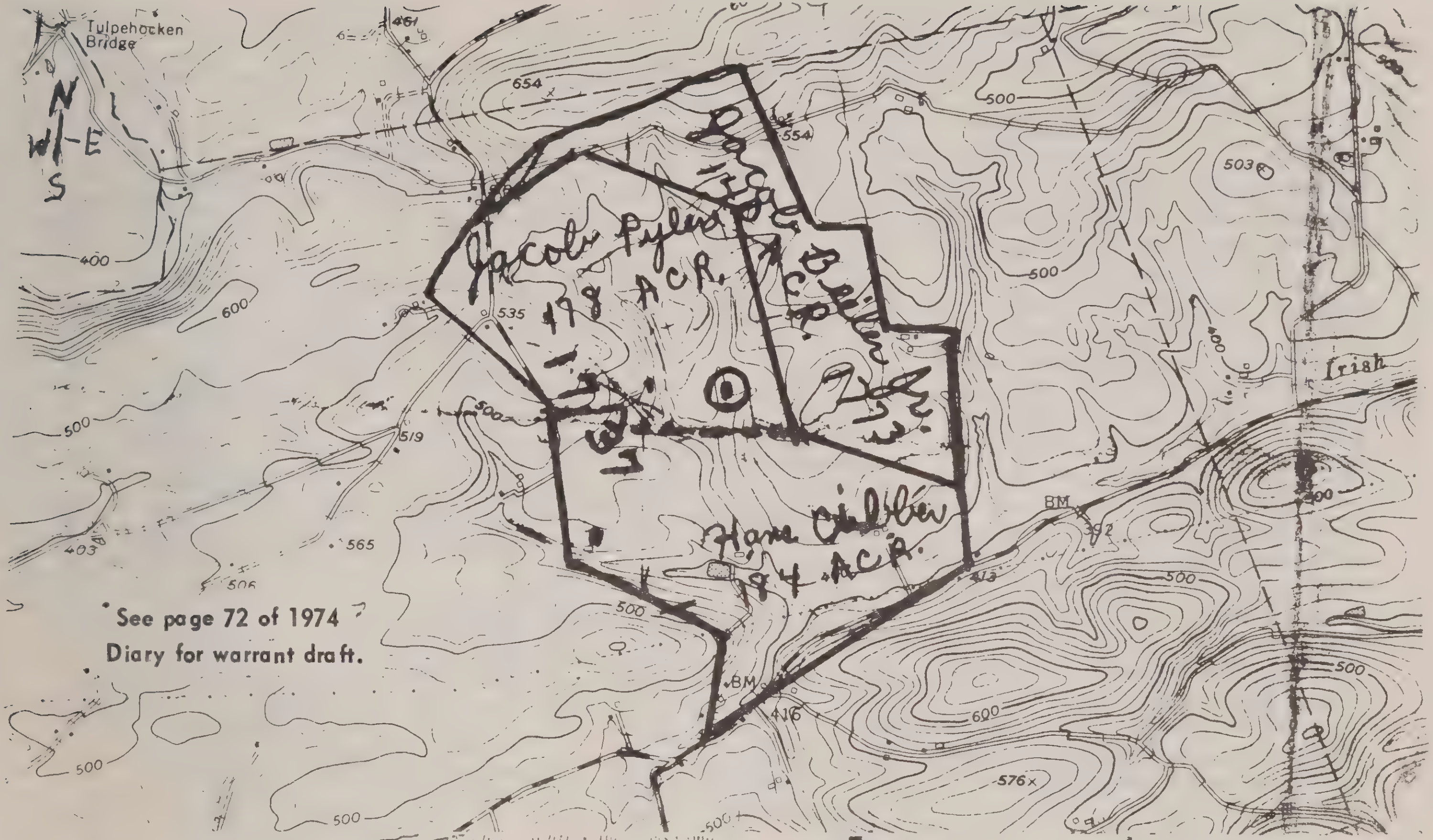
In 1718 Lancaster County originated by deed of release by the Delaware Indians between the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers from Duck Creek to the Lehigh hills. Thereafter the Conestoga and Pequea Valley lands were opened for grants. The choice of these were granted by 1737. Our Northkill territory was opened in 1736. Before these dates it was Indian territory.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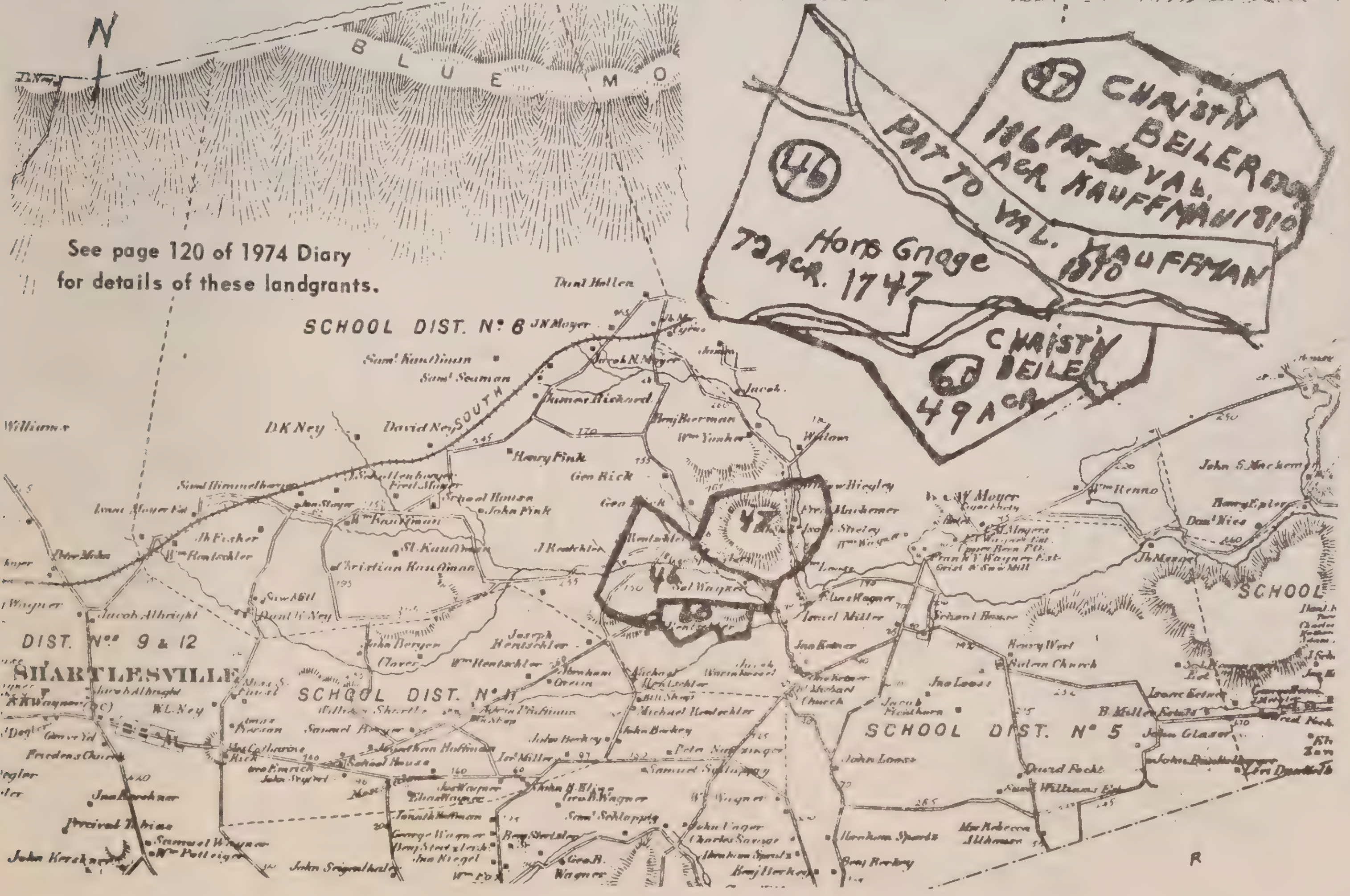
See page 72 of 1974 Diary for warrant draft.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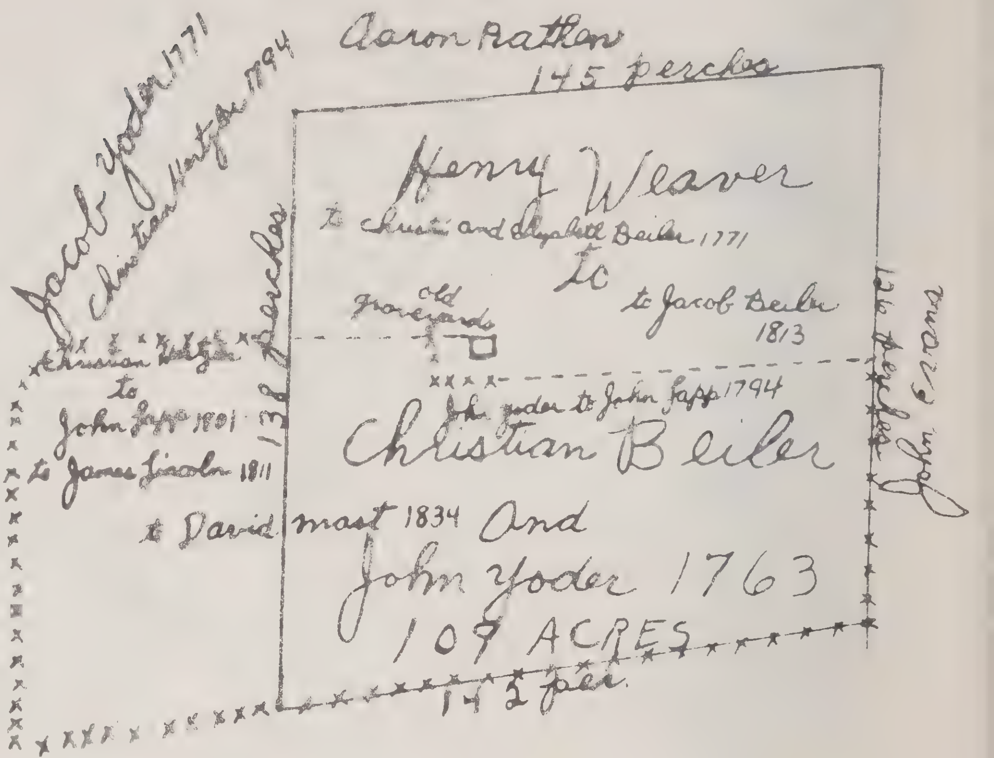
SCHOOL DIST. No 6
SCHOOL DIST. No 4
SCHOOL DIST. No 5
DIST. Nos 9 & 12
SCHOOL
SHARTLESVILLE
SOUTH
47
46
60

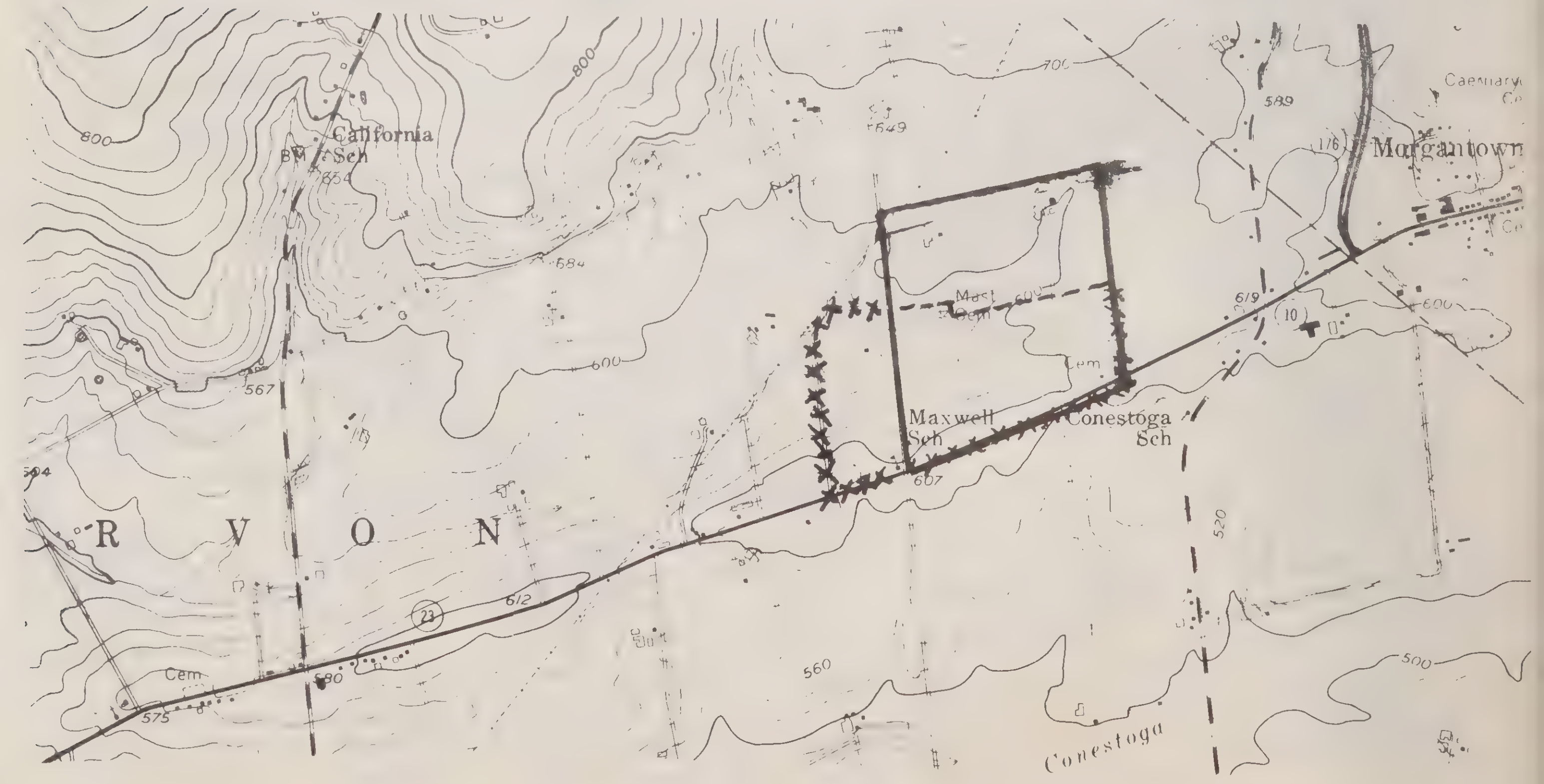
See page 120 of 1974 Diary for details of these landgrants.

The Christian Beiler Homestead in the Conestoga Valley

The solid line square is of a survey draft of the 1763 purchase of Christian Beiler and John Yoder, both of Bern Twp., Berks County. The broken line divided this purchase in 1771 to Christian Beiler, north side, and John Yoder, south, almost equal.

Note the offset in the 1771 line which indicates a dual homestead graveyard. Most likely, Elizabeth, first wife of Christian, is buried there, and perhaps some members of the Yoder family. In 1806 it was enlarged and deeded to the church. It is the oldest graveyard in Lancaster County in continuous use to this day. To this graveyard David Mast has willed $2000.00, should remain as a dower, should remain in this tract at an interest of 4%, to be paid to those in charge to keep the graveyard. In 1834 the David Mast tract included the x line draft.


Aaron Ratten
145 perches
Jacob Yoder 1771
Christian Hertzler 1794
138 perches
Henry Weaver
to Christian and Elyzabeth Beiler 1771
to
to Jacob Beiler 1813
old graveyards
Christian Hertzler
to
John Sapp 1801
to James Lincoln 1811
to David mast 1834
John yoder to John Sapp 1794
Christian Beiler
And
John Yoder 1763
109 ACRES
142 per.
126 perches
John Evans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619
10
594
R V O N
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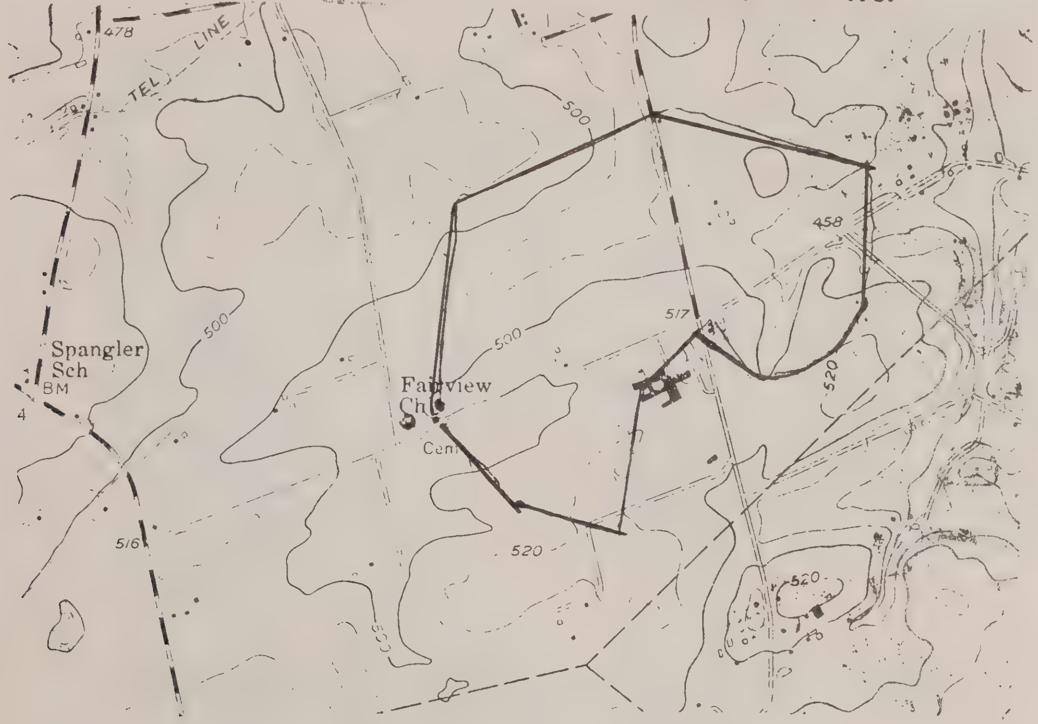
Conestoga

Christian Beiler Jr. Homestead in Lebanon Co., Pa.
A burial marker has been placed at the family graveyard in 1973.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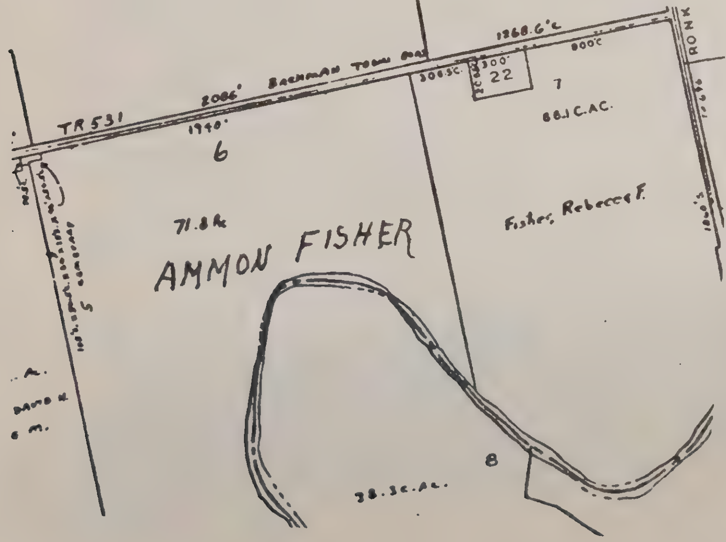
The Christian Beiler Jr. Homestead on the Pequea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800'
300'
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7
88.1 C.AC.
RONK
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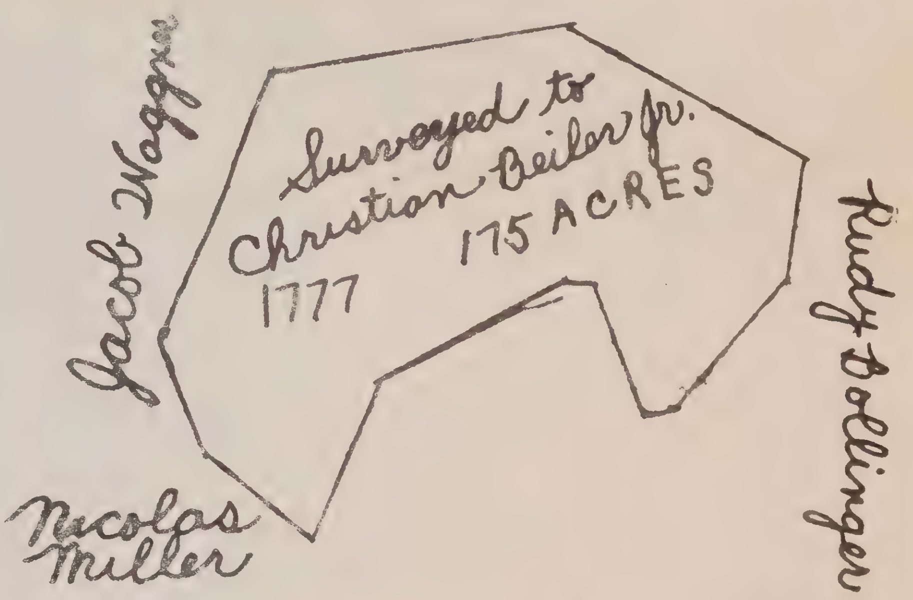
71.8A
AMMON FISHER
Fisher, Rebecca F.
8
28.3C.AC.

Christian Beiler Jr. died on this tract. It is over 75% acceptable that he is buried in the homestead graveyard, along with his wife, Anna, and an infant daughter. Since the Beiler side of this graveyard has yielded to the plow for a number of years, we can never be sure. The Andrews and the Brechbills are buried there.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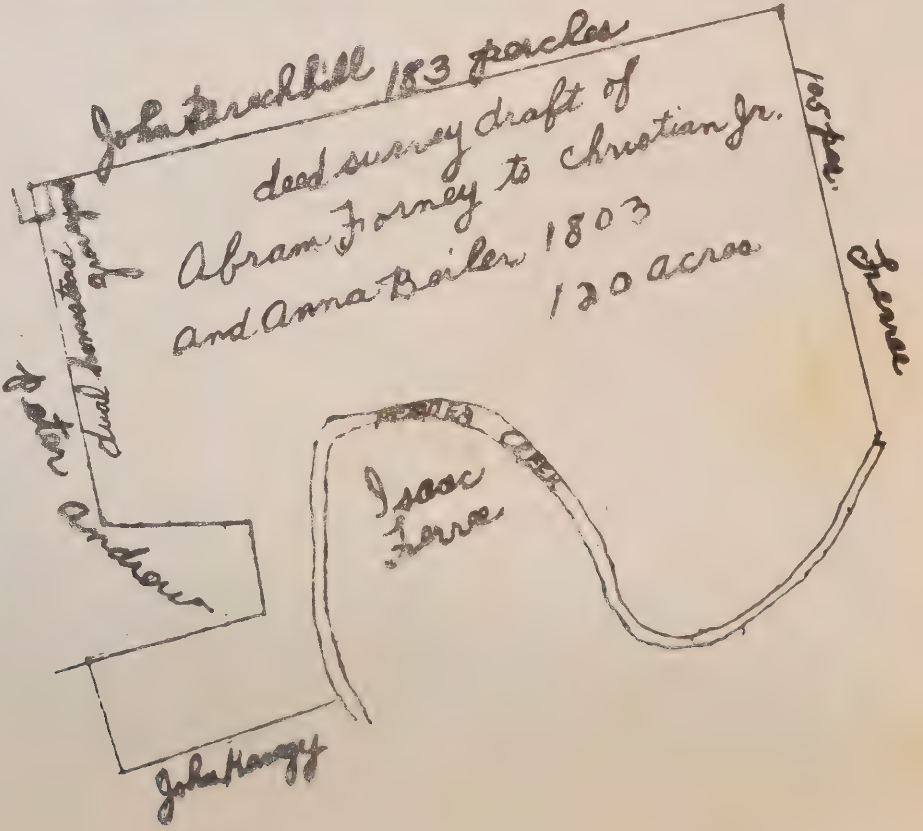
Surveyed to
Christian Beiler Jr.
175 ACRES
1777
Rudy Bollinger
Nicolas Miller


John Brechbill 183 perches
deed survey draft of
Abram Forney to Christian Jr.
and Anna Beiler 1803
120 acres
105 per.
Forney
dual homestead graveyard
Peter Andrew
Pequea Creek
Isaac Ferree
John Hanggy

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

The Blank Families

Hardly any Amish family, of equal importance, has received so little attention in our society, the last century, as the Blank families. This can be traced to several reasons. One reason is that the male lineage descendants have nearly been extinct in our church at one time. Today's growing Blank families of the Old Order in the east can be traced to three family heads who have married within the last century, and at that time there were only a few more families of our church in the east that had male offspring. Namely, the Joseph B. Blank family of the Lower Pequea, the Christian Y. Blank family of Millwood and the Pre. David Blank family of Groffdale. This David's brother, Christian, also has some Old Order descendants.

Another reason is for the scarce family line writings left back from former generations. There are Stoltzfus family writings to be found today, in homes, that have been handed down from one generation to another, from which we could compile an almost complete lineage back to the progenitor. The same is true of the Beilers and the Lapps, but this material is relatively scarce among the Blanks. Some senior members in prominent Blank families are unable to trace their male lineage back further than a few generations. Even some family history book writers have avoided the Blanks unless they married directly into the line of their respective family because of lack of information. Perhaps for these reasons the Blank family history, together with tradition and legends, have become so badly distorted that twenty years ago it would almost look like a "beyond repair" task to publish an accurate family history. In spite of this situation Sadie Blank Mast of Gap, Pennsylvania has undertaken the task and published a Bishop John Blank and family book in 1957. This book has straightened out much that was crooked and brought to light much that was dark. Perhaps her biggest achievement was that she carefully separated the two Blank families from the beginning. Today we know that Bishop Peter Blank, the minister John Blank (who had three sons ordained in his district), Melchoir, or Michael, Blank belonged to one family, and that Dr. John Blank and his son John, the Hooleys, the Umbles and the Yoders belonged to the other family.

Name Spellings

We had hoped at the beginning that we could distinguish the two families by two spellings, Blank and Plank. In looking up the family head wills we find two Hans Blanks. Some descendants of either family have variably spelled their name Plank, but this was not a set rule for any family, so it could not be used for a guideline. In the Cains, Pennsylvania there are two roads running closeby, the one is called Blanks the other Planks. In Europe the spellings have varied to several ways but rarely Plank. In the Amish Church in France the Blank and Blaunk or Blaunck families were quite numerous, but we do not have any LaPlanks listed. In American legal documents we find the names varied about the same way.

Two John Blank Families

The Doctor Hans Blank Family has received by far the most publicity by our early family history writers. According to C. Z. Mast in the "Annals of the Conestoga Valley," he was converted to the Amish Mennonite Church in Switzerland and came to America aboard the St. Andrew and landed in Philadelphia on Sept. 23, 1752. On this same ship list we count three other Blank or Plank males. The old legend that he brought some orphan children along perhaps has truth in it, but the names may have been confused. It is highly probable that Christian Umble was an orphan child, but it is not probable that John Holly was without parents, because in his 1805 letter he names his father as Andreas who had died awhile before this date, but most likely in America. A 1750 ship list included an Andreas Holly. It is more likely that Michael Troyer was an orphan.

To be continued — Joseph F. Beiler

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TWO-YEAR-OLD STRANGLED IN BUGGY

Ivan H., son of Henry S. and Esther (Yoder) Weaver of Apple Creek R2, Ohio, died Friday p.m., August 23rd, at his home while playing in a buggy. His mother was doing some cleaning close by and some way he got into the back of the buggy and suffocated. (See obituary)

HOT HAY CAUSES BARN FIRE

The barn on the Alvin B. and Eli A. Beachy farm of Holmes County, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening, August 25th. Firemen were able to save an implement shed, a hog house and other out buildings. Contents of the barn, including a bull, a horse and a few hogs, a small shed with corn cribs and a milk house were destroyed by the fire. Origin of the fire was blamed on overheated hay. This fire was about 3½ miles from Levi A. Erb's barn which burned July 28th.

MT. ELGIN, ONTARIO ACCIDENT

William, six-year-old son of Jake G. and Barbara (Kramer) Stutzman, met with an accident August 15th when he fell from a manure spreader. He was rushed to the Ingersoll Hospital where he was considered in serious condition. They sent him to London Hospital the next day where xrays were taken. They found he had an extra bone in his neck which crowded the spinal cord and had caused dizzy spells. The doctor thinks he had one when he fell as he can't remember falling. They operated on him August 21st and took the bone out. The spinal cord was already crooked. The doctor couldn't understand how he had lived this long. At first he couldn't move arms or use his hands. He came home the 4th day after the operation and is gaining, although he did run a temperature that the doctor came out and gave a shot. He can now roll over by himself and also use his arms and hands. Doctor says he will be in bed for 6 to 8 weeks.

MICH. GROUP SICK FROM FOOD POISONING

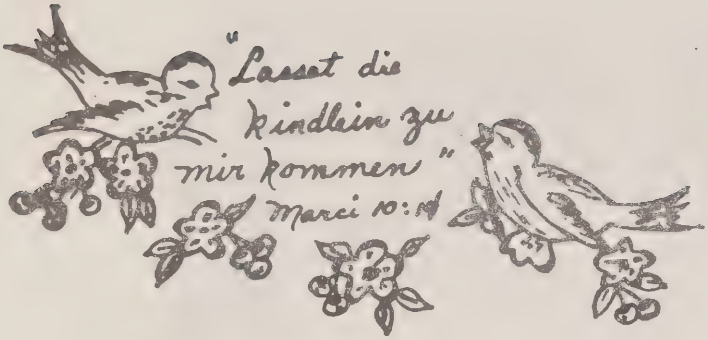
A supper and singing was held August 4th at Dea. Henry Miller's of Centreville, Mich. for their married children and the young folks. Unfortunately most of those who ate there got sick with food poisoning from salad. Some were very sick. One was taken to the hospital and fed thru the veins, and others were down for 5 or 6 days. A baby was born two days later and got food poisoning thru nursing, but is doing okay now.

FIRE DESTROYS LINWOOD, ONT. BARN

Fuel being used to fill a gasoline engine ignited and caused a $50,000 fire which destroyed a large barn and its contents at the farm of Eli Albrecht of Millbank R1, Ontario, August 22nd. Lost in the blaze were 150 hogs, 4,000 bales of hay, 2,000 bales of straw and 14 tons of forage hay. Firefighters wetted down three nearby sheds to keep the blaze from spreading. They remained at the farm home until Friday, August 23rd, to make sure the smouldering ruins did not reignite.

SEVERE STORM HITS GREY CO., ONTARIO

A severe electrical storm hit this area in the evening of August 26th, bringing 1¾ in. of rain. The storm approached from the northwest against a south wind. It took about five hours to get here after thunder was first heard. After the storm hit it took about three hours for the front to pass over, with almost continuous lightning and heavy thunder bolts. The only place that there was damage among the Amish was at Pre. Dan M. Yoders of Desboro R2, and that was only minor. Lightning hit the chimney of their house, knocking some bricks off. No fire resulted. Some other people were not so fortunate. Reports are that three barns burned in a distance of twelve miles north, and farther north three other farmers lost 28 head of cattle between them.


"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"
Marci 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Christian L. (Barbara Beiler) New Holland R1 a daughter RUTH ANN, August 25

BEILER, Jacob (Mamie King) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter ELIZABETH K., August 12

BEILER, Jonas M. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1 a son AMOS N., August 20

ESCH, Jacob (Arie Blank) New Providence R1 a son ELMER B., August 26

ESH, Ammon L. (Rachel L. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a son JACOB S., August 23

FISHER, Abram (Lydia Zook) Ronks R1 a son JACOB, August 13

FISHER, David (Rachel Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a daughter EMMA S., August 30

FISHER, John B. (Rachel B. Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3, a daughter ANNA MARY, August 21

FISHER, Jonathan E. (Lizzie Ann Dienner) 133 Buckwalter Rd., Lancaster, a son SAMUEL DAVID, Aug. 28

KAUFFMAN, Christian J., (Anna S. Flaud) Paradise R1, a son ISAAC F., August 1

KAUFFMAN, John E. (Lavina Lapp) Christiana R1 a son BENJAMIN M., August 20

KAUFFMAN, John M. (Arie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son, August 24

KING, Amos L. (Hannah Beiler) Paradise R1 a son AMOS L., August 22

KING, Christ (Anna S. King) Honey Brook R2 a son MELVIN K., August 30

KING, Christian L. (Elsie King) Kinzers R1 a daughter RACHEL ANN, August 5

KING, Daniel M. (Susie S. King) Morgantown R1 a son, August 28

KING, David L. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Ronks R1 a son MELVIN S., August 30

KING, Jonathan (Rachel Riehl) Gap R1 a daughter KATIE R., August 15

LAPP, David S. (Katie King) Gordonville R1 a daughter KATHRYN K., August 19

LAPP, Joseph S. (Fannie S. Kauffman) Ronks R1 a son ISAAC F., August 1

LAPP, Samuel B. (Sara Beiler) Gordonville R1 a son JOHN AMOS, August 12

MILLER, David (Mary Petersheim) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son DANIEL P., August 8

MILLER, John B. (Katie Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter SARAH S., August 6

RIEHL, Abner (Anna Lapp) 2115 Spring Hollow Rd., Strasburg, a daughter NAOMI, August 2

RIEHL, Christian G. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter, August 11

STOLTZFOOS, Jacob B. (Naomi Beiler) Strasburg R1 a son ELMER B., August 16

STOLTZFOOS, Samuel (Arie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son SAMUEL K., August 12

STOLTZFUS, Amos L. (Mary King) Gordonville R1 a son SYLVAN K., August 11

STOLTZFUS, David E. (Sara Ann Lapp) Ronks R1 a daughter LENA, August 23

STOLTZFUS, Eli S. Jr. (Mary Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son, August 18

STOLTZFUS, Enos S. (Mary Stoltzfus) 2366 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a daughter BARBARA S., August 25

STOLTZFUS, John F. (Ruth Lapp) Narvon R2 a daughter KATIE, August 23

STOLTZFUS, John S. (Anna Stoltzfus) Narvon R1 a daughter MARTHA ANNA, August 10

STOLTZFUS, Roy L. (Emma K. Petersheim) Leola R1 a daughter BARBARA P., August 17

STOLTZFUS, Samuel I. (Sylvia Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son SYLVAN, August 25

STOLTZFUS, Samuel L. (Emma Mae Beiler) Gap R1 a son STEVEN LEE, August 26

ZOOK, Abner (Sarah Fisher) Spring City a daughter SUSAN, August 14

ZOOK, David R. (Sadie Stoltzfus) New Holland R1 a son SAMUEL L., August 25

ZOOK, Moses (Mary Esh) New Holland R1 a son NOAH E., August 24

St. Mary's County, Maryland

HERTZLER, John (Barbara Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville a son JERRY, August 4

SWAREY, Mose (Nancy Zook) Charlotte Hall a daughter SARAH, August 15

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Dover, Delaware

BEACHY, William D. (Lydia Mast) Dover R2
a son JOHN, August 9
MAST, David D. (Alta Byler) Dover R2
a son DAVID MARK, August 17
MILLER, Ammon H. (Mary Troyer) Dover R2
a son FIRMAN, August 11
MILLER, Maniluis Ray (Katie Byler) Dover R6
a son URIE, August 15
MILLER, Moses A. (Lydiann Miller) Dover R2
a daughter BARBARA, August 9
TROYER, Roman A. (Matilda Miller) Dover R2
a son ROY, August 30
YODER, Ammon J. (Lizzie Yoder) Hartly R1
a son AMMON, JR., August 30

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

ESH, Christ S. (Hannah Smoker) Newmanstown R1
a daughter NAOMI, August 23
LAPP, David F. (Sylvia Zook) Myerstown R2
a stillborn daughter on August 21
PEACHEY, Omar A. (Rebecca Lapp) Myerstown R3
a son JONAS JAY, August 9

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

ESH, Aaron (Betty Miller)
a son DAVID RAY, August 29
MILLER, Eli (Annie Petersheim)
a son REUBEN, August 14

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

KANAGY, Rufus P., Jr. (Barbara Blank) Mifflintown
a daughter KATIE, August 13

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

ESH, Bennie (Katie Kauffman) Loganton R1
a son AARON, August 4
FISHER, Sam, Jr. (Lizzie Kauffman) Loganton R1
a son JOHN, July 21

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

KANAGY, Abraham (Emma Kanagy) Belleville
a daughter KATIE, August 30
KANAGY, Kore (Sarah Swarey) Belleville
a daughter ELLA, August 18
PEACHEY, Daniel N. (Susie Swarey) Belleville
a daughter SUSIE, August 3
PEACHEY, Urie (Nancy Peachey) Belleville
a son GIDEON, August 31
SWAREY, Pre. Shem (Fannie Peachey) Allensville
a son AARON, August 30
SWAREY, Urie (Nancy Kanagy) Belleville
a son LOUIE, August 2

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

BRENNEMAN, Mark (Lizzie King) Springs
a son FLOYD, August 29
HERTZLER, Albert (Martha Troyer) Grantsville, Md.
a son LEVI, August 17
KINSINGER, Jacob J. (Frieda Schrock) Meyersdale
a son MOSES, August 15

Oakland, Maryland

BRENNEMAN, Leroy (Nancy Yoder) Oakland
a daughter DAISY EILEEN, August 2
HOSTETLER, Dan (Fannie Miller) Oakland
a son DANNIE RAY, June 5
PETERSHEIM, Fred D. (Amelia Yoder) Oakland
a daughter DOROTHY ANN, August 11

Conewango Valley, New York

MILLER, Levi I. (Nancy Miller)
a daughter SALOMA, August 24
RABER, John (Katie Yoder)
a son NOAH, August 16
YODER, Joel (Amanda Hostetler)
a daughter ANNA, July 7

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Dan C. (Sarah Schmucker)
a daughter, August 23
DETWEILER, Andy C. (Irene S. Bontrager)
a daughter, August 14
FISHER, William D. and wife
a daughter, August 13
HERSHBERGER, Dan J. (Linda Detweiler)
a son in July
HERSHBERGER, Gideon M. (Margaret Coblentz)
a daughter LAURA, August 12
MAST, Joe J. (Betty J. Byler)
a daughter, August 14
MILLER, Dan J. M. (Laura J. Miller)
a daughter LUCINDA SUE
MILLER, Bishop Dave D. and wife
a daughter, August 13
MILLER, Joe A. (Esther D. Miller)
twin girls, LYDIA and LIZZIE, August 12
RABER, Melvin B. and wife
a daughter, August 27
SCHMUCKER, Dan J. (Ada M. Miller)
a daughter LINDA, August 13
YODER, Ervin T. (Clara J. Miller)
a daughter CLARA, August 27
YODER, Jonas S. (Martha Slabach)
a son JONAS, July 27

Orwell, Ohio

SMUCKER, Robert (Emma Kuhns) North Bloomfield
a son

Ashland, Ohio

KEIM, Albert (Mary Schrock) Ashland R5
a daughter RUTH, August 6
KEIM, Joseph (Sylvia Yoder) Ashland R5
a daughter LE ANNA, August 13
MILLER, Eli (Naomi Brenneman) Mansfield R2
a son WILLIAM, August 21

Utica, Ohio

GINGRICH, Alfred (Martha Yoder)
a son JONI, August 4
MILLER, Walter (Wilma Gingrich)
a son LYLE DEAN, August 2

Holmes County, Ohio

BEACHY, Ervin N. (Anna Keim) Wilmot R1
a son DANIEL, July 14
KLINE, Alvin Jr. (Miriam Raber) Baltic R1
a daughter MARIE, August 6
KURTZ, Crist J. (Anna Hostetler) Millersburg Star Rt.
a son DAVID, August 2
MAST, Ivan M. (Susie Yoder) Millersburg R4
a daughter MARTHA, July 27
MILLER, Aden and wife, Sugarcreek R2
a son MELVIN, August 19
MILLER, Aden A. (Verna Troyer) Dundee R1
a son LESTER, July 20
MILLER, Albert A. (Fannie Troyer) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter FREDA, August 18
MILLER, Ben L. (Sara Miller) Baltic R1
a son HENRY, July 31
MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. David M., Millersburg
R2, twin sons, ERVIN and MERVIN, August 6
both died, see obituary
MILLER, Eli J. (Anna Bowman) Fredericksburg R1
a son DWAYNE
MILLER, Melvin H. (Anna Yoder) Mt. Hope
a son WAYNE, August 24
MILLER, Monroe J. A. (Anna Mast) Dundee R2
a son MOSES, August 14
MILLER, Roman D. (Susie Yoder) Baltic R1
a son RAYMOND, August 5
RABER, Alvin L. (Mary Stutzman) Fresno R3
a son NOAH, August 8
SCHLABACH, Levi Jr. (Katie Yoder) Dundee R1
a son DWAYNE, August 17
WEAVER, Atlee E. (Barbara Yoder) Holmesville R1
a daughter MARY, August 17
WEAVER, Roman B. (Effie Gingerich) Dundee R2
a daughter RUTH, August 12
YODER, Aden N. (Anna Yoder) Fresno R3
a son ROY, August 4
YODER, Albert N. (Barbara Troyer) Millersburg R4
a son AARON, August 16
YODER, Malva J. (Laura Coblentz) Baltic R1
a son DANIEL, July 28
YODER, Melvin S. (Mary Weaver) Holmesville R1
a daughter BARBARA, July 7

Hicksville, Ohio

LENGACHER, Lavern (Mary Hochstetler)
a son LARRY LYNN, August 8
MILLER, John (Wilma Miller)
a son JEFFERY, August 21

Bronson, Michigam

BONTRAGER, Joe E.(Esther Eash)
a son DANIEL, August 6

Centreville, Michigan

HOSTETLER, Harvey (Lydia Bontrager) Centreville R1
a daughter MIRIAM, August
MILLER, Harvey (Amanda Schrock) Centreville R1
a daughter FRIEDA, August 6
YODER, Merle I. (Shirley Ann Bontrager) Colon R1
a son ORVIN, August 27

Camden, Michigan

DELAGRANGE, John V. (Savilla Schwartz)
a son JONAS, August 19
GRABER, Abraham (Eileen Delagrange)
a daughter DEBORAH, August 7

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Floyd (Marian Graber) Grabill
a daughter SARELLEN, July 27
SCHWARTZ, Samuel (Viola Schwartz) Grabill
a son MARLIN, August 21
SCHWARTZ, Pete (Marie Zehr) Spencerville
a son NOAH, August 11

Adams County, Indiana

EICHER, Joseph R. (Ida V. Eicher) Geneva R2
a daughter VIOLA, August 17
EICHER, Sam J. (Edith Schwartz) Berne R2
a son JAKE, July 14
GIROD, Ben M. (Esther Christner) Monroe R1
a son BEN J., August 7
GRABER, Reuben (Edna Miller) Geneva R2
a son AMOS, August 20
HILTY, Amos E. (Margaret J. Graber) Geneva R2
a son WILLIAM, July 5
HILTY, John S. (Lydia R. Graber) Geneva R2
a son DANIEL, August 13
SCHWARTZ, Amos G. (Emma H. Schwartz) Monroe R1
a son EMANUEL, August 19
SCHWARTZ, Amos H. (Elizabeth H. Schwartz) Monroe
R1, a daughter ESTHER, July 9
SCHWARTZ, Elmer D. (Emma Graber) Berne R1
a son STEPHEN, August 14
SCHWARTZ, John B. (Mary Girod) Monroe R1
a daughter MARY ANN, August 15
SCHWARTZ, John F. (Elizabeth Girod) Berne R1
a daughter CLARA, August 23
SCHWARTZ, Nate M. (Barbara E. Schwartz) Berne R2
a son NATHANIEL, July 23

Elkhart County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Orus (Vera Miller) Goshen R1
a son STEVEN JAMES, August 27
CHUPP, Ervin (Sarah Bontrager) Middlebury R1
a son DUANE LYNN, August 18
COBLENTZ, Joe (Rachel Hochstetler) Middlebury R3
a son PHILIP, July 29
MILLER, Crist Jay (Edna Bontrager) Goshen R1
a son LYNN DUANE, August 14
MILLER, Orla (Betty Bontrager) Goshen R1
a daughter RUTH ANN, August 1
SCHROCK, Daniel (Mary Troyer) Shipshewana R2
a daughter SUETTA, August 23
SCHROCK, Daniel T. (Katie Schrock) Goshen R1
a son JOE, August 19

Guthrie, Kentucky

MILLER, Joni E. (Mary Schlabach) Guthrie R2
a daughter LAURA KATHERINE, August 19
YODER, Robert S. (Susie Weaver) Guthrie R2
a daughter KATIE ANN, August 10

LaGrange County, Indiana

BEACHY, Daniel (Alma Miller) Topeka R2
a son ALVIN JAY, August 17
BEACHY, Elmer J. (Wilma Yoder) LaGrange R1
a son DELMER, August 20
BONTRAGER, Elva H. and Susie, Topeka R2
a daughter VELMA, August 22
BONTRAGER, Ernest (Elmina Kurtz) Topeka R2
a daughter ELNORA, August 18
CHUPP, Adlee (Wilma Bontrager) Shipshewana R1
a son LYLE DEAN, July 20
CHUPP, David R. (Lena Miller) Topeka R2
a son HARLEY, August 21
CHUPP, Lloyd (Edith Eash) Ligonier R1
a daughter REGINA, August 14
FRY, Wilbur L. (Ada (nepp) Topeka R1
a daughter EDNA FERN, July 24
GRABER, Floyd (Ada Mae Weaver) Elkhart R3
a son TIMOTHY DEAN, July 27
HELMUTH, Owen (Irene Miller) Shipshewana R1
a daughter ERMA O., August 1
HOCHSTETLER, Norman (Martha Bontrager) LaGrange R2, a daughter SARA ETTA, August 11
HOCHSTETLER, Wesley (Mary Hochstetler) LaGrange R4, a daughter CARRIE, August 25
HOSTETLER, Vernon J. (Elizabeth Fry) Topeka R1
a son NORMAN RAY, August 1
MILLER, Melvin (Irene Beachy) Middlebury R3
a son WILLIAM, August 15
TROYER, Richard R. (Mary H. Lambright) LaGrange R4
a daughter WILMA JEAN, July 22
WHETSTONE, Perry J. (Mary Esther Graber) Howe R2
a daughter RUBY ELLEN, August 12
YODER, Elmer E. (Alice Schlabach) Millersburg R1
a son JOHNNIE E., August 11

Kokomo, Indiana

HERSCHBERGER, Emory (Ida Mae Bontrager) Greentown R2, a son LAVONE EUGENE, August 11

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Lloyd (Sylvia Wagler)
a son DARRELL, July 28
KNEPP, David D. (Naomi Wagler)
a daughter IDA MAE, August 22
KNEPP, Fred (Lovina Wagler)
a son FREDERICK DEAN, August 5
RABER, John (Rosa Wagler)
a daughter ERMA, August 6
STOLL, Verlin (Deliah Knepp)
a son MICHAEL DEAN, August 23
WAGLER, Paul (Mary Miller)
a daughter, August 8
YODER, Ora (Ada Marie Lengacher)
a son BENJAMIN, August 2

Arthur, Illinois

CHUPP, Omer (Lorene Miller)
a daughter TREVE, August 31
KUHNS, Omer (Verna Kaufman)
twins, a son PAUL ANDREW and a daughter PAULENE ANN, August 14
YODER, John (Sarahan Brenneman)
a daughter ARLENE, August 10

Garnett, Kansas

YODER, Amos Jay (Clara Yoder) Welda R1
a daughter SHARON KAY

Audrain County, Missouri

GINGERICH, Ammon S. (Ada Shetler) Clark
a daughter SUSIE, August 16
MILLER, John (Susie Petersheim) Clark
a daughter LYDIA, August 9
YODER, Eli C. (Anna T. Miller) Clark
a son TOBIAS, August 25

Anabel, Missouri

BONTRAGER, Eli J. (Lizzie Chupp)
a daughter ELLA, August 5

Pike County, Missouri

BORNTRAGER, Harvey (Polly Burkholder) Curryville
a son ELI, August 9
EICHER, Jacob W. C. (Saloma Yoder) Curryville
a son DANIEL, August 29

Seymour, Missouri

EICHER, Petie M. (Annie Schmucker)
a son MENNO, July 19
SCHWARTZ, Chris Y. (Saloma Hilty)
a son AMOS, July 7

Johnson County, Iowa

SHETLER, Mr. and Mrs. Jake
a son LONNIE JAY, July
YODER, Marvin (Elizabeth Gingerich)
a son GERALD LAMAR, July 3
YODER, Robert (Phoebe Miller)
a daughter LOVINA, June 29

Buchanan County, Iowa

HELMUTH, Perry (Esther Schmucker) Hazleton
a son FREEMAN, July 30
RABER, Abe (Katie Helmuth) Hazleton
a son JONAS, August 5
YODER, Henry J. (Barbara Stutzman) Hazleton
a daughter IRENE, July 30

Blair, Wisconsin

SCHROCK, Raymond (Mary Mast)
a son HENRY, August 13

Medford, Wisconsin

MAST, Samuel (Elizabeth Otto) Curtiss
a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, August 2
MILLER, Clarence (Susie Borntrager)
a son JOE, August 13
SCHROCK, Joe (Fannie Otto)
a son ALVIN, August 13

Norwich, Ontario

SHETLER, Dan J. (Ella Stutzman) Norwich R1
a daughter LINDA, August 15

Grey County, Ontario

GINGERICH, Abe J. (Mattie Miller) Chesley R4
a daughter SARAH, August 11
STUTZMAN, Noah (Lizzie Hershberger) Chesley R4
a son CHRISS, August 1

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

BORNTRAGER, Samuel .(Magdalena Yoder)
a daughter MARTHA, August 8

STUTZMAN, Chester E..(Sarah Kauffman)
a daughter ESTHER, August 11

Milverton, Ontario, Canada

JANTZI, David (Fannie Jantzi) Milverton R1
a daughter MIRIAM, August 3

KUEPFER, Jonas (Laura Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a daughter CATHERINE, August 17

SCHMIDT, Mahlon (Erma Jantzi).Newton R1
a daughter JOSEPHINE, August 12

OBITUARIES

BEACHEY, Polly, 67, of Arthur, Illinois

died August 19 at the age of 67 yr., 9 mo., 6 days. Born Nov. 13, 1906, she was a daughter of Levi I. and Anna J. (Eash) Chupp; married Joel M. Beachey June 2, 1930, he died Aug. 20, 1965, lived in matrimony 35 yr., 6 mo., 19 days; married Enos Beachey of Ohio, Aug. 17, 1969, he died Sept. 26, 1972, lived in matrimony 3 years and 9 days. Surviving are two sisters, one brother, two foster children, 13 grandchildren; also three stepsons, four stepdaughters and 12 stepgrandchildren in Ohio.

Funeral services were held at Bishop Abe C. Gingerich's home ½ mile south of Arthur, August 22, by Amos Miller and Bishop Jonas N. Bontrager of Ohio. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

BONTRAGER, Edward A., 77, of Kalona, Iowa

died August 27th at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City after a ruptured appendix operation including other complications. Born at Haven, Kansas Jan. 7, 1897, he was a son of Andrew and Fannie Bontrager. He married Elizabeth Miller June 8, 1918; they moved to Hazleton, Ia. in 1925; she died Oct. 30, 1968. On Dec. 7, 1969 he married Cora Yoder. They have resided in Kalona since 1971. Surviving are his wife, Cora; seven children, Wm. of Hazleton, Mrs. Sam (Fannie) Lehman of Hazleton, Perry of Kalona, Mrs. Alvin (Sarah) Yoder of Hazleton, Joe of Cashton, Wis., Mrs. Emanuel (Edna) Helmuth and Edward Jr., both of Hazleton; 46 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Barbara Chupp of Kalona, Mary Miller and Mattie Gingerich, both of Clark, Mo., Anna Yoder and Fannie Troyer, both of Hutchinson, Kans., Edna Yoder of Yoder, Kans., and Ida Schrock of Haven, Kans.; and three brothers, Andrew and David of Haven, Kansas, and Enos of Goshen, Indiana

Funeral services were held August 28th at the Levi Yoder home in Kalona, by Pre. Adin Miller and Bishop Henry B. Miller. Pallbearers were Glen Beachy, Isaac Hershberger, John E. Yoder, and Joe Ropp. The body was taken to Hazleton for burial beside his first wife in the Amish Cemetery four miles west of Hazleton. His age was 77 yr., 7 mo., and 20 days.

BONTRAGER, Mahlon N., 67, of Shipshwana R1, Ind.

died Wednesday, August 21, in the Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient two days. He was in failing health for several years. He was born in LaGrange County December 21, 1906, and was a lifetime resident of the Honeyville community. He was married December 22, 1927, to Rosa Lambright, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Leroy (Katie) Knepp of Topeka R1, and Mrs. Freeman (Susie) Lehman of Shipshewana R1; three sons, Floyd of Topeka R1, Elmer of LaGrange R1, and Menno of Middlebury R2; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a sister, Mrs. Jonas (Rosa) Beachy of Shipshewana R1.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the home by Bishop Crist Troyer and Pre. Amos Mast; burial in the Bontrager Cemetery.

BORKHOLDER, Mose E., 85, of Geauga Co., Ohio

died July 30th at the age of 85 yr., 6 mo., and 13 days. He leaves three sons, Manases of Burton, O., Eli of LaGrange, Ind., and Levi of Pheonix, Ariz.; four daughters, Mrs. Dan S. (Katie) Byler of Parkman, O., Mrs. Crist E. (Mary) Miller of Middlefield, Mrs. Ben A. (Fannie) Byler and Mrs. Andy E. (Emma) Byler, both of Mercer, Pa.; two brothers, Dan and Eli both of Middlefield; two sisters, Mrs. John M. (Clara) Miller of Burton, O., and Mrs. Henry (Amanda) Mullet of Milton, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at the home at 9 a.m. August 1st, by Bishop Steve Yoder, Pre. Jonas Yoder and Bishop Mel Miller of the home, and Bishop Pete Miller, Pre. John M. Miller and Wm. Chupp of Indiana.

DETWEILER, Regina, 5 days, of Geauga Co., Ohio

daughter of Robert and Edna (Miller) Detweiler, died August 16th. She was born deformed with an exposed spine and a waterhead. She was their first child. Funeral services were held August 17th.

GINGERICH, Martha, 82 yr., 6 mo., 14 days

died July 12th. She was born at Berlin, Ohio on Dec. 28, 1891 a daughter of Jerry D. and Fannie Miller. She grew to womanhood at Hutchinson, Kans. and was married to Joseph E. Stutzman of Arthur, Ill. on Dec. 11, 1921. Joseph died July 26, 1943 and left her with one son, David of Pulaski, Iowa, and four stepchildren, Mrs. Joas (Anna) Schrock, and Levi of Arthur, Ill., Andrew of Wyoming, Delaware, and Jonas of Goshen, Ind. She was married the second time to John C. Gingerich on June 23, 1957, and was widowed the second time on April 27, 1972. She leaves 13 living stepchildren with this marriage, Mrs. Amos (Magdalena) Graber of Etna Green, Ind., Aaron and Rufus of Milo, N. Dakota, Ezra of Middlebury, Ind., Mrs. Jonas (Catherine) Miller of Arthur, Ill., John Jr. of Welda, Kans., Amos of Dover, Dela., Abe and Eli of Arthur, Ill., Jacob of Arcola, Ill., Ben and Anna Mae of Arthur, Ill. and Mrs. Henry (Fannie Marie) Hochstedler of Fortuna, Mo. She also leaves one grandson, Joseph Stutzman, and a large number of stepgrandchildren, and a number of step great-grandchildren, one brother, David, age 96, of

Hutchinson, Kans. Preceding her in death besides her two husbands were one infant son, twin granddaughters, Lydia and Lucy Stutzman, one stepdaughter, Lizzie, wife of Clarence Stutzman, several stepgrandchildren, five brothers, and four sisters.

GLICK, John Allen, 16, of Gap R1, Pa.

died at his home Friday, August 9th. He was born Sept. 26, 1957, and had Cerebral Palsy all his life, never could get around like other children but led a very happy life. The last summer he just gradually got weaker till he fell peacefully asleep. He leaves many vacant places in the home. He was the son of Aaron H. and Sarah E. (Stoltzfus) Glick. Surviving are his parents; a brother, Lloyd; five sisters, Anna Mary, Sadie, Esther, Lena and Nancy, all at home; paternal grandparents, John F. and Barbara (Fisher) Glick, Gap R1; maternal grandmother, Sadie Stoltzfus, Gap R1; maternal great-grandfather, Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; and paternal stepgreat-grandmother, Fannie Fisher, Kinzers R1.

Funeral services were held at the late home, August 10, by Samuel K. Zook and Emanuel Fisher. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

HELMUTH, Anna, 68, Buchanan County, Iowa

died August 3rd at the age of 68 yr., 10 mo., and 16 days. Born Sept. 18, 1905, she was a daughter of the late Eli N. and Katie (Miller) Beechy. She was married March 12, 1925 to Jonas E. Helmuth. To this union were born 8 sons and 5 daughters. One son, two grandsons and six granddaughters preceded her in death. Surviving are her husband, seven sons, five daughters, 56 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Couse of death was cancer.

Funeral services were held August 6th at her son Eli's in the large house by Joe C. Yoder and Bishop Andy Yoder from Holmes Col, Ohio, in the little house by Levi S. Miller from here and Bishop Christ C. Bontrager from Amherst, Wis., and in the large shed by Pre. Noah S. Beechy from Illinois and Bishop Christ Kauffman from Kalona, Iowa. Burial was in nearby cemetery.

MILLER, Ervin and Mervin, Millersburg R2, Ohio

sons of David M. Millers. Ervin died August 7th. Funeral was August 9th. Mervin was taken to Akron Children's Hospital August 7th, died August 15th. Funeral was August 17th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe J. Miller and Dea. and Mrs. Roy D. M. Miller, all of Millersburg R2.

RABER, Abe E., 69, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Sunday morning, August 11th, in his home, He was a life resident of Holmes County and was a retired farmer. On Dec. 31, 1931 he married Barbara Miller who survives. Also surviving are two daughters and four sons, Mrs. Raymond (Sarah) Hershberger, Enos, Roman and Emanuel of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. David A. (Mary) Schlabach and Levi of Millersburg; a sister and brother, Mrs. Melvin D. (Mary) Miller of Baltic R1 and Dan E. Raber of Sugarcreek R2, and 43 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the late home by Andy Weaver; burial was in Hershberger Cemetery.

SCHROCK, William B., 79, of Arthur, Illinois

died August 8, at the age of 79 yr., 10 mo. and 28 days. Born Sept. 28, 1894, he was a son of Benjamin D. and Caroline (Otto) Schrock. He married Ella Kaufman Nov. 30, 1916, lived in matrimony 57 yr., 8 mo. and 8 days. To this union were born three sons and four daughters. One daughter, Ida, died Jan. 30, 1933 age 15 due to diabetes. One son, Levi, died Oct. 24, 1937 at age 17, was hit by a car, instant death. Surviving are his wife, two sons, three daughters, one sister, Mrs. Eliza Wagler of Montgomery, Ind., 24 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the late home southeast of Arthur Saturday, Sept. 10 by Min. Enos Steury from New Haven, Ind. and Min. Cris Bontrager in the big house, and by Reuben Steury from Graybill, Ind. and Edwin Schrock in the little house. Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

SCHWARZ, Lydia, 7 days, Clark, Missouri

daughter of Jakie and Rachel (Borntreger) Schwarz, died Wednesday morning, August 7, at the University Hospital. Surviving are the parents; twin sister, Lizzie (still in hospital and not gaining well), and Mr. and Mrs. Jakie Schwarz, Bowling Green, Mo. and Mose and Rachel Borntreger.

WEAVER, Mrs. Anna, 76, of Millersburg R5, Ohio

died Saturday morning, July 27, at her residence following a short illness. She was born in Holmes County, June 18, 1896, a daughter of Dan A. and Elizabeth (Miller) Troyer. She was first married to Andrew E. Schlabach, who died June 10, 1941. She later married Andrew P. Weaver, who died June 18, 1974. Surviving are two sons, Alvin A. Schlabach of Millersburg R4, and David A. Schlabach of Millersburg R3; four daughters, Mrs. Levi A. (Lizzie) Raber and Mrs. Andy E. (Fannie) Yoder, both of Millersburg R4, Mrs. Ezra Y. (Effie) Miller of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Elmer D. (Erma) Miller of Fredericksburg R2; four stepsons, Eli A., Jonas A. and Andy A. Weaver of Millersburg R5 and George A. Weaver of Sugarcreek R1; six stepdaughters, Mrs. Jonas (Mattie) Miller, Mrs. Jacob (Verna) Miller and Mrs. Joe D. (Erma) Hershberger, all of Millersburg R5, Mrs. Emery (Fannie) Stutzman of Milroy, Ind., and Mrs. Reuben (Ella) Miller and Mrs. Ben (Ida) Miller, both of Holmesville R1; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Gingerich of Chesley, Ont., Canada and Mrs. Jonas Hershberger of Apple Creek R2; six brothers, Abe D. Troyer of Norwich, Ont., Dan D. of Fredericksburg R2, Ammon D. and Roman D., both of Apple Creek R2, and Joas D. and Noah D., both of Middlefield; 36 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 70 stepgrandchildren; and 99 stepgreat-grandchildren. Three sisters, a brother and a grandchild died previously.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 30, at the residence by Dan P. Schrock. Burial was in Hostetler Cemetery in Berlin Township.

STUTZMAN, Franey, age 10, Conewango Valley, N.Y. daughter of Mose and Lydia (Miller) Stutzman, died in Buffalo Children's Hospital of complications from measles. Her age was 10 yr., 11 mo., and 16 days. She leaves Father, Mother, three brothers, six sisters, two grandfathers, one grandmother, and one stepgrandmother.

Funeral services were held August 8th at 9 o'clock by Bishop Menno Miller and Bishop Enos Yoder in the house.

WEAVER, Ivan H., age 2, of Apple Creek R2, Ohio died Friday afternoon, August 23, at his home while playing in a buggy (see front page). He was born May 8, 1972, a son of Henry S. and Esther (Yoder) Weaver. Surviving besides his parents are a brother, Mark, of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol L. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Yoder, all of Fredericksburg R2; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi T. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yoder, all of Fredericksburg R2 and Christ P. Weaver of Millersburg R5.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 26th, at 10 a.m. in the Dan E. Troyer residence by Jacob R. Troyer; burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

WEAVER, Joe S., 91, of Geauga County, Ohio died August 24, in Geauga Community Hospital from heart failure. He leaves three sons and two daughters, Mrs. Crist J. (Fannie) Fisher, Mrs. Dan J. (Mary) Fisher, Deacon Levi J., Deacon Jerry J., and Sam J. at whose home he died.

Funeral services were held August 24th at the home where he lived ever since he moved here from Michigan years ago. He was laid to rest beside his wife in the Mespo Cemetery.

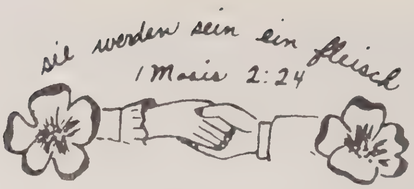
YODER, Mrs. Lydia, 75, of Apple Creek R1, Ohio died August 17 in her home after a long illness. She was a daughter of the late Daniel D. and Mary (Troyer) Swartzentruber. Surviving besides her husband, Andrew D. Yoder, whem she married in January 1926, are a daughter and three sons, Frances of the home, Daniel and Benjamin of Apple Creek R2 and Enos of Ethridge, Tenn; a sister and two brothers, Mrs. Delila Schrock and Daniel Swartzentruber of Millersburg, and 24 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 20, by Abe D. Yoder. Burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

LANCASTER CO., PA. TORNADO

August 17th about 3 p.m. a small tornado went through the Georgetown section, taking off some of Amos S. Esh's barn roof and blowing down his tobacco shed, also uprooting trees and breaking off branches.

David, son of Amos K. Glicks, Quarryville R3, was on his way home from the other farm with two mules and a load of tobacco. He pulled into Amos Esh's shed to get our of the rain when he noticed the shed going over. He ran outside leaving his team standing. It knocked the mules down but didn't hurt them worth mentioning.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MARRIAGES

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

Troyer, Troyer – Eli D., son of Dan J. and Mattie (Beachy) Troyer, to Mary W., daughter of Harry M. and Sarah (Yoder) Troyer, August 8, by Amzie J. Troyer of LaGrange, Indiana.

Geauga County, Ohio

Troyer, Gingerich – Allen, son of Dave M. Troyer of Tenn., to Ann, daughter of John J. Gingerich, July 18.

Detweiler, Miller – Menno, son of William L. Detweiler, to Elmina, daughter of Fremen N. Millers, July 22.

Wayne County, Ohio

Troyer, Yoder – Andy, son of Eli M. and Maryann Troyer, to Anna K., daughter of Dan S. and Sarah (Detweiler) Yoder, Sept. 5, at the bride's home in Jacob R. Troyer west district.

Allen County, Indiana

Gerig, Graber – Paul, son of Amos and Viola (Graber) Gerig, to Marie, daughter of Menno and Ida Marie Graber, Aug. 15, by Bishop Samuel J. Graber.

Kauffman, Delagrange – Freeman, son of Henry and Clara (Miller) Kauffman, to Betty, daughter of Joseph and Marie (Lengacher) Delagrange, Aug. 18, by Bishop Joseph Delagrange.

Schwartz, Lengacher – Samuel, son of Henry and Martha (Graber) Schwartz, to Martha, daughter of Henry and Rosa (Wagler) Lengacher, Aug. 25, by Bishop Sam C. Graber.

Adams County, Indiana

Hilty, Kauffman – LaVern L., son of Bishop and Mrs. Jake K. Hilty, Berne R1, to Rachel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kauffman, New Haven R1, July 25.

Troyer, Schwartz – Roman C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornealius C. Troyer, Monroe R1, to Esther B. dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Christ E. Schwartz, Geneva R2.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Yoder, Hershberger – Orval, son of Alvin L. and Mary Ann (Miller) Yoder, to Linda, daughter of Ben and Lizzie (Miller) Hershberger, Aug. 22, by Bishop David J. Bontrager.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Borntrager, Yoder – Joe Borntrager, Nappanee R1, son of David Borntrager of Annabel, Missouri, to Anna Mae, daughter of Henry C. and Susan (Knepp) Yoder of Middlebury R2, August 29.

Nappanee, Indiana

Hochstetler, Miller – Lamar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hochstetler, to Sara Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Miller, Aug. 29, at the home of the bride.

Daviess County, Indiana

Wagler, Knepp – Joe Wagler to Wilma Jean Knepp, August 18, by Bishop Ben E. Wagler.

Garnett, Kansas

Yoder, Miller – Perry, son of Ora and Emma (Yoder) Yoder, to Nancy, daughter of Mrs. Amos (Edna Beachy) Miller, Aug. 11, by Bishop Jerry Yoder.

Johnson County, Iowa

Schlabach, Miller – Edward, son of Jacob Schlabachs, to Ida, daughter of Pre. Clifford Millers.

Bontrager, Miller – Neal, son of Alton Bontrager, to Anna Marie, daughter of Eddie J. Millers.

Miller, Nisly – Pre. Jake J. Miller (widower), to Mrs. Fred (Katie) Nisly.

Milverton, Ontario

Albrecht, Jantzi – Alvin, son of Harvey and Malinda Albrecht, to Barbara, daughter of Claytus and Fannie Jantzi, Aug. 1, by Amos Albrecht.

Kuepfer, Wagler – Philip, son of Solomon and Clara Kuepfer, to Tena, daughter of Enos and Mary Wagler, Aug. 8, by Clarence Kuepfer.

BAPTISMS

Dover, Delaware
East District, August 18
by Bishop Felty Yoder of Indiana
Jonas, son of Pre. Elmer J. and Mary (Stutzman) Yoder
Rebecca, dau. of Pre. Neil N. and Emma (Yoder) Hershberger
Dora, dau. of Bishop John J. and Lovina (Bontrager) Yoder
North District
Ellen, dau. of Benidict D. and Sovilla (Yoder) Miller
Lydia, dau. of Reuben A. and Emma (Byler) Byler
were baptized with the class in east district

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Smoketown District
July 21, by Bishop Christ M. Fisher
Melvin, son of Isaac S. and Emma (Fisher) Kauffman

Snyder County, Pennsylvania
August 9
by Joseph D. Delagrange of Allen Co., Indiana
Daniel, son of Dan J. and Mattie (Beachy) Troyer
Lovina, dau. of Sam M. and the late Elizabeth (Troyer) Troyer

Holmes County, Ohio
by Bishop Noah J. Coblentz
Robert, son of Eli L. and Clara Yoder
Edward Jay, son of Jonas E. and Mary Ann (Miller Mullet
Ervin, son of Nelson V. and Anna (Wengerd) Miller
Betty Mae, dau. of Mose L. and Mary Ann (Yoder) Troyer
Joyce, dau. of Levi H. and Anna Troyer

Wayne County, Ohio
Jacob Troyer East District
September 1
Fannie Mae, dau. of Pre. Atlee Troyers
Mary, dau. of Emanuel H. Beachys

Ashland, Ohio
August 25
by Bishop Milo Glick, Fredericktown, Ohio
Roy, son of Eli W. and Ada Weaver
Paul, son of Pre. Roy M. and Katie Coblentz
Mary, dau. of Paul E. and Susan Schrock
Mary, dau. of Bishop Simon G. and Sadie Brenneman

Centreville, Michigan
Wm. J. Bontrager District, August 25
by Bishop Wm. J. Bontrager
Tobias, son of Levi J. Bontrager
Wm., son of Bishop Wm. J. Bontrager
Waneta, daughter of Dea. Joe M. Yoder

Elkhart County, Indiana
Southwest Clinton District, August 25
Glen, son of Bishop Perry and Betsie (Bontrager) Nisley

Kokomo, Indiana
August 25, by Bishop George Gingerich
Jerry, son of George and Emma (Yoder) Gingerich
Edward, son of Simon and Edna (Lee) Otto
Lonnie, son of Melvin C. and Laura (Miller) Bontrager

Arthur, Illinois
North Fairbanks District, August 25
Dorothy, dau. of Eli C. and Ruby (Yoder) Herschberger
Mary, dau. of Noah J. and Elsie (Kaufman) Yoder

Trenton, Kentucky
August 25
Mervin and Susan, son and dau. of Alton and Katie Mast, were baptized by their grandfather, Mahlon Mast of Holladay, Tennessee

Fortuna, Missouri
August 25
Ervin, son of Menno J. Lambrights
Grace, dau. of Menno C. Millers

Johnson County, Iowa
Jonas Beachy District, August 18
by Bishop Elmer Miller (a brother to Earl)
Charles, son of Chester and Mary Miller
Earl, son of Pre. and Mrs. Tobias Miller
Elson, son of Eldon and Anna Ropp

Vernon County, Wisconsin
North District, August 18
by Bishop John J. Schmucker
Harvey, son of Joe and Mattie (Borntrager) Miller
Jakie, son of John and Edna (Miller) Hershberger
Joe, son of Harvey and Elvesta (Miller) Miller
Simon, son of Gid and Sarah (Miller) Miller
Erma, dau. of Monroe and Malinda (Slabach) Miller
Emma, dau. of Chester & Elmina (Hershberger) Kauffman
South District, August 25
by Bishop John J. Schmucker
Alvin, son of Crist and Emma (Miller) Hershberger
John, son of Aden and Mattie (Miller) Yoder
Emma, dau. of Menno & Malinda (Troyer) Hershberger
Esther, dau. of Amos and Ella (Miller) Gingerich
Sara, dau. of Sam and Katie (Fisher) Miller

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

August weather was ideal with ample rain, yet enough drying days to make late hay . Total rainfall for the month was 5.6 in . Temperature was normal with a low of 54 on August 11 .Warmer again towards the last of the month . Hot muggy days, yet most nights were pleasantly cool Earliest corn is ready for shocking . Silo filling has begun . Corn crop looks extra good, both early and later plantings .

St .Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R . Stoltzfus

We have dry here at present. Rainstorms seem to go around us every day . The first week of August we had 2½ in. rain, but only sprinkles since that. Warm and humid summer weather the last week . Feed prices are way up again, creating a cost-price squeeze on egg, dairy, and hog operations .

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Bareville area was 5.9 inches .
Market report: Choice cattle $46 to $51.75 cwt.; feeder steers $27.50 to $43.75 cwt,; prime veal $79 cwt.; fat hogs $38-$41.50 cwt.; feeder pigs 30¢-49¢ lb.; dairy cows $390-$885; Leghorn fowl 6¢ lb ; heavy fowl 16¢ per lb ; pullets 40¢ lb ; turkeys 30¢; rabbits 50¢ lb ; pigeons $1 pair; ear corn $100 ton; $3.97 bu ; wheat $3.60 bu ; barley $2.10 bu ; oats $1.65 bu . Ear corn at Green Dragon brought $104-$117 ton; hay $36-$74 ton; straw $34-$42; large eggs 61¢ doz ; potatoes $4-$4.50 cwt .

By Ammon F. Fisher

Rainfall for August was 4½ inches. We had rain through the month just about like we wanted it, often times about ¼ in. at a time. Sometimes very warm during the day, but most nights cooled off enough to make sleeping a great pleasure. Monday p.m., Aug. 26th, we had .4 in. of rain, three miles south they had a little over 3 in., Strasburg area had 1½ in., Mt. Pleasant had 4 in. and a short ways off they had only a little shower.

By Elam S. Beiler

Most of third cutting alfalfa is in now. It made a lot of hay again. Some new grass fields (old wheat fields) also mowed. Barns are almost full of hay and most of it good quality. Corn looks very good . Some are filling silo, that had early variety and are out of silage. Regular corn still green and did not start to dent yet . Well over half of tobacco is cut now; some are done already . Very heavy except that which was planted early . It is not curing very fast due to warm, damp weather . Some had started cutting the first full week in August. Sweet corn is plentiful, also tomatoes and other garden things . The only problem is, no lids can be found any more for this season, and jars are almost as scarce . Peaches and apples seem plentiful all summer . Some schools started Aug. 26, the rest to start Sept .2 .

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

August was more wet then dry, with a total of 5.6 inches rain . Not much good haying weather, but good for the corn and other crops . The nights were mostly cool for this time of year . Pastures are still green and growing . Tobacco is mostly a heavy crop, and corn looks good . On Aug. 22 we cleaned the Amish graveyard. There are now 32 graves in the 33 years that the Amish were here; most of them are small babies .

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The month of August was very dry, with scattered showers . The only measureable rainfall was 3/10" on Aug. 4, and 2/10" on Aug. 29 . Even though it was dry, we had only a few days that were extra warm . Pastures and lawns dried up. Men are filling silo and feed ensilge or hay to the cows. Fruits and vegetables are plentiful. Fairview School opened on August 26 .

Franklin County, Pa. by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of August had below normal rainfall in our area. Rains and storms that we had were in spots. Around the end of the month we had several good rains. Early planted corn is about ready for silo filling. Some of it is a little short due to dry weather. Late corn is growing nicely since the latest rains.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

August weather was about normal, with enough rain to keep things green and growing although a little dry to plow yet . The rain for this month all came in showers of ½ in. or less, a few thunder showers . Silo filling is just starting; some fall plowing done . Corn looks good. Real early corn did not fill out like sometimes due to dry weather in July . Third cutting alfalfa looks rather thin and is almost ready to cut. Fruit is plentiful around here, and priced about like last year . Plums are $5 to $8, peaches around $5 a bushel .

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during August was mostly dry and very warm . Less than two inches rain fell the whole month, but showers were spaced about right so that crops did not suffer much . Temperatures soared into the upper 90's in afternoons; a good many cloudy days . Corn looks very good, and second crop hay is very heavy . Peaches were a very good crop, but some varieties of apples are scarce . Wheat and oats yielded only fair to medium, but lots of straw . Tomatoes are a big crop . The growers are paying 30¢ a basket to have them picked .

Snyder Co. (McClure), Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

Beginning of August was rainy, on the dry side towards the middle of the month, rainy, cloudy and cool from the 27th to the 30th. Field tomatoes and peppers are doing well. Tobacco is a very good crop too. This was the first crop of tobacco to be grown in this area that is known of.

Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M.. Troyer

We had around 5 inches rain in August. It made things grow, and also made some of fruit rot. I can't remember of ever seeing such a fruitful year; all kinds of fruit, both wild and cultivated, good crops. I've been doing some budding on different kinds of fruit this summer, and seeming to have pretty fair luck; so in time we should have lots of fruit trees.

Clinton County, Pa, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

August was dry for almost 3 weeks, then we had a lot of rain the last week. We had cool nights most of the month. Several weeks were pretty warm, which was still needed for the corn. Garden vegetables have been plentiful again. Tomato picking starts this week. Potatoes seem to be a good crop.

Mifflin County, Pa, by Catherine Swarey

August was a warm month with 16 sunny days. Nights were warmer than during July. Several hazy days which were usually followed by rain then clear. Four inches of rainfall. The last part of August had foggy mornings. Katy-dids were first heard Aug. 1. Yards and pastures are nice and green. Corn fields look good. Silo filling has not started yet.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

August was warm with some cool nights. It was dry till about the last, had .3 in. on the 9th then damp and cloudy for four days, another .7 the 13th then three nice clear days, another inch the 17th then nice till the 27th, from then on to the last it rained about 3.6 inches. Oats is about all thrashed, yielding from 50 to 70 bu. to the acre. Second crop hay is being put up and is a good crop where first crop was cut early. Corn looks real good. Demand for dairy cows seems rather dull.

Crawford Co.(Guys Mills), Pa, by Melvin D. Byler

Weather for August has been fairly dry, although we had two nice showers the last week, amounting to about 2 inches. Ground seems to be pretty well soaked. Crops have perked up. Most of second crop hay is in; third crop has a good start with these last rains. Oats was rather a poor crop where hail hit it in June, turning out about a half crop. Late oats is yielding better than early, around 80 bu. per acre. There is still some oats to thrash. Corn is fairly good, most of it in roasting ears now. Feed prices had gone up quite a bit through July and most of August, but they are starting to come down now. Soybean meal was up to $10 cwt., is down below $9 now. Ear corn is selling for $90 a ton.

Somerset County, Pa, by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for August has been somewhat dry. There has been a total of only 2½", and we often had only a tenth at a time. The last three days we had about 8/10 inch. Some gardens produce well, while others are rather poor. Quite a bit of thrashing has been done lately till the rains came along.

Conewango Valley, New York, by Mrs. Menno Miller

August was mostly warm with below normal rainfall until the last week. Oat thrashing is later than usual and varies a lot in yield. The average is 50 to 60 bushels per acre. There are some good corn fields, but mostly behind schedule due to wet weather in the spring. Peaches seemed plentiful enough, but high in price, $7.50 to $8 per bu, also pears. Apples are plentiful.

Orwell, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

August was wet the first part of the month, and again the last four days. Not many hot days.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

The weather for August was wonderful, with occasional rains, which is good for the corn. Pastures and lawns look green like spring. We had a lot of thunder this month. Lots of people are discing and spreading lime, getting ready for fall sowing. Temperature ranged mostly around 80. Melons are ripening, and early potatoes were a good crop.

Eastern Holmes County, by Raymond S. Weaver

August brought us plenty of moisture with close to 13 inches of rain. There was some hail but not much damage. Pasture has greened up after the dry spell. Corn looks promising. Plowing for wheat is mostly done.

Southeastern Holmes, by John L. Yoder

Plenty of moisture in August, between 4 and 5 in. rain the last week. Field work is at a standstill. Most corn fields look good, pastures are a lush green. No silos are filled yet. Third cutting hay also looks good. Not much cool weather yet.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Oats is thrashed with good yields, as high as 100 bushels per acre, good heavy oats. Second cutting hay is mostly put in; plenty of pasture. Farmers are getting wheat ground ready when not too wet. We had 3 in. rain in the last 24 hours. The ground is soaked.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

August temperature was about normal; 6½ in. rain, half of it the last week. The corn looks promising. Third cutting alfalfa ready to cut. Some was down all week, but no drying weather. Corn is nearly $7 cwt. Oats $1.60-$1.75 bu. Hogs $40 cwt. A dull feeder pig market due to high feed prices. A lot of sows going on the market, around 70% more than a year ago. Look for high hog prices in 1975.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

We have had a few light rains in August, but not enough to keep the ground from drying out. The corn is short because of the dry July, but the recent rains have made some fair sized ears, still below average. We had such good wheat and oats that it balances out.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

We had plenty of rain the last few weeks of August. The corn looks very good and weeds are growing since the rain. Farmers are still trying to get their hay in between the showers. Report from our weather station: The average temperature was 70, rainfall was 2.66; sunshine, 80%; a high degree of 92 on the 9th and a low of 42 on the 12th.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The weather for August was warm and wet with 3 to 4 inches of rain. Oat thrashing was quite difficult, and some molded in the shocks. A fair crop of oats, from 40 to nearly 100 bu. per acre. Second and third crop hay are excellent. Plowing for fall grains is underway. Corn looks to be a bumper crop.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

August came with an abundance of needed rains. We had around 8½ inches in all, although it varied someplaces. Corn looks good; lawns have greened up and have to be mowed every week again. Some plowing had been done earlier although it is too wet now. Gardens are producing abundantly.

Utica, Ohio, by Melvin E. Hershberger

The first half of August was dry; the last half really wet and cooler. Lawns and pastures have greened up, also has helped the late corn. Sweet corn seems to be plentiful. Field work is at a stand still at present, with the wet weather.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We had 4/10 inch of rain in August. Pastures are dried up, and most farmers are feeding hay out of barn. Looks as if it is going to be a long winter to feed cattle. A lot of farmers are planning on putting corn on shock for more feed as hay is scarce and high priced.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

It is still very dry in this area. We had a few nice showers the middle of August, but since the soil was so powder dry, it was soon taken up. It is surprising that the crops look as good as they do.

Centreville, Michigan, by Treva Yoder

The first half of August was warm, with 2 inches rain the 16th. The 19th and 20th temperature was 108, followed by two days of rain. Now we have cool nights but nice days. Blueberries are 30¢ lb., peaches $6 to $8 a bushel.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

August was pretty dry, with very little rain in this particular area. Sweet corn yielded better than most thought. Corn is $7.00 Cwt.; Oats, 1.60 bu.; peaches were from $7 to 10.00 a bushel.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

August was quite warm and humid, with more rainfall than July. The last week over two inches rain were greatly appreciated. Gardens may not yield like usual but still must give enough as scarce as the glass cans and lids are in stores, which just can't be found. Crops look fairly good in spite of the dry summer.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

July 1974 is believed to be the driest July in history since weather records have been kept in Berne since 1910. The month had less than ¼ inch of rain, and there was no rain for the last nine days in June. There were more than normal sunny days, which added to the drying out of crops and lawns. The present dry spell is one of the worst ever experienced in the Berne area. The ground is so parched that it is hard to find any moisture at all in corn and soybean fields. Corn is starting to fire badly and soybeans are in the bloom stage. The hear and dryness is rapidly destroying the area crops. Many grass fields are dried up and in many instances "burned out." Big cracks are everywhere. What had looked like a big corn and soybean crop now looks like a crop failure. Not one thunderstorm occurred in July and usually six or more occur. Figures are: High, 96 on the 14th, and low, 50 on the 12th; rain, .24 in. There were 19 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, one cloudy, and one day could be called rainy if .15 inch is called rain.

August 1974 – The first twelve days were a continuation of the June–July dry spell, but then on the 13th the rains came, till the total rainfall amounted to 4.84 inches. We had eight weeks of dryness and heat. Statistics are: High, 92 on the 13th, low, 52 on the 6th; rainfall, 4.84 in. There were 11 clear days, 17 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy days with 7 rainy days and 4 thunderstorms.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

On August 1 we had a very welcome shower and more the next few days, totaling over 2 inches. Lawns and gardens revived somewhat. Corn suffered some from dry weather. Sweet corn is not plentiful. Tomatoes are nice and produce fairly well. Peaches are quite plentiful, but are high priced. Weather is pleasant, and we are hoping for rain.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

August 1 we had a very welcome rain, averaged ½ inch. It was very warm and dry until the 8th and 10th we had 4/10 inch rain; 16th we had 6/10 inch. Not much corn is being canned due to dry weather, but tomatoes are fair. Temperature reached 90 on 19th and 20th. Green beans are producing the second crop and lima beans are good, considering the lack of rain. Canning peaches and pears is keeping the women busy. It is two weeks now without rain, very dry, but the weeds seem to grow anyhow.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The weather for August was rather unusual for this area. Not many hot days, but some days very humid. The high was 90 on the 20th, and the low was 54 on the sixth. Rain for the month was scarce, but we had showers the first two days and again on the 16th, a total of 8/10 inch. It was too scattered to have much effect, but still enough to be thankful for. Very little wheat ground was plowed because it is too dry. Corn looks surprisingly good yet on the heavy soil, considering the dry weather we had in both July and August, but the yield will be short. There will likely be some soybeans on the heavy soil, but only about half a crop. On the sandy soil much of the corn and beans will be a total loss. The cool nights and cloudy days very likely saved our crops. There were only four days of all sunshine. Early potatoes are dug and did pretty good, but the late ones won't yield as usual.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

August brought us lots of rain again, a total of 11.4 inches for the month. The rainfall was scattered all thru August with heavy showers of 2.25 on the 2nd, 1.7 on the 27th and 2.7 the 31st. Our coolest temperature was 53 degrees on the 5th and the warmest was 88 on the 15th and again 88 the 27th. Crops look good and most corn still has a dark green color. Some second cutting hay is still being made while some have mowed stubble hay following wheat and oats. Tomatoes and sweet corn are still being enjoyed fresh from the garden. The apples that are of the early variety froze around here. Our peaches were shipped in from South Carolina this year, costing us $7.00 a bushel, delivered. We are enjoying cool weather at present. Corn is around $3.50 and soybeans about $7.00 a bushel, but soybeans are not very stable in price.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

August brought us a much needed rain. Showers early in the month relieved our drought, with 4¾ in. falling the 28th and 29th. Late corn looks good. Corn is selling for $3.70; hogs $37. Silo filling is beginning.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Dienner

In the month of August we had plenty of rain, and moisture by heavy dew. Late planted corn and beans look very promising but of course are late, but the fields are more even than the early planted. We had about 6 inches of rain in August, mostly nice even rains and not much wind. Some times you would hardly know it was raining. Some days were warm but by morning it was cooled off nice again.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

The weather pattern has changed considerably. Instead of wishing for rain, we are wishing it would dry off. We had over 10 inches of rain in the last 5 weeks and it is still raining. Beans and milo, also corn, are ready for the silo, but it is too wet to get in the fields. Late beans look promising now. Some corn fields look brown (ripe) already. Hog prices steady, around 40¢; beans $7.25; corn $3.25.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

August has been a wet month. We had over 5 in. of rain the first two weeks, and over 5 inches the last week; with hot and humid weather in between. Crops look very good. Grain prices are high, with corn almost $4 per bu., and beans $8 per bu.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

August brought us a change in weather. The 5th of August we had from one to two inches of rain, ending the 58 day dry spell. On August 17th we had a storm, wind continuously for nearly one hour at 100 miles per hour, and reports of up to 120 miles per hour, raining as much as 5½ inches in some places. Storm seemed to be from 70 to 100 miles wide, the more destructive part being 30 miles wide. Storm seemed to originate in Nebraska, going through Eastern Kansas and through Missouri into Arkansas. An indescribable amount of buildings and trees were destroyed, many buildings were racked, power and telephone lines were in very bad shape, corn and some milo were blown down badly. This community probably has not recorded a storm like this in history, and yet no lives were taken. Undoubtedly more people were in basements at one time than ever before in this area. We had approximately five inches of rain since the storm.

Reno Co. (Partridge), Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

This has been a rather unusual August for Kansas. We had a total of 5½ inches of rain, all coming in nice soakers with very little run-off. Milo and sorghum fields are looking good. Fourth cutting hay is about ready to cut. The temperature was cooler than average. Only about 40% of the needed fertilizer for wheat ground will be available this fall.

Pike County, Missouri, by George Yoder

Weather is on the dry side, but still enough rain that corn and beans haven't suffered much. Pastures and second crop hay have not made much growth. Meadows are mostly being pastured. A few are making clover seed. Early corn is in the roasting ear stage; some late corn coming in tassels yet. Lots of building going on this summer.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

July was a very dry month, only two small showers. Crops are a bit poor so far, except grass and gardens. Some potatoes are dug, but rather small. Some people sow turnips (broadcast) after the potatoes are dug, which makes good eating all fall, and the extra for hog feed.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntrager

We have had a short summer this year, having rather cool spells different times and are experiencing one right now, which has put our heaters to use again. Have had an ample amount of moisture to help late planted crops, which look good now. We had 6¼ inches of rain with a few thunder storms. Lightning struck John M. Borntrager's shop and had caught fire but was seen right away and put out without much damage done. Late sweet corn is ready and tomatoes are being canned. Peaches were from $5.25 to 8.00 a bushel and real nice. Apples are plentiful. Clover is being thrashed and yields good. Is 50¢ a lb. National Stock Yards, St. Louis Market Report: Aug. 15, Steers and Heifers, 800 to 900 lbs., $43.00; Top Hogs, $39 to 39.50.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

Everything is brightened up again after having approximately 9 inches rain throughout the month. Most of it fell the last two weeks. The first week was cool and ended the same way. September started in cool and wet. The second growth clover was real short, so many are putting it up for seed, yield, 1½ bushel or better per acre. Silo filling has started, fodder is short. There were several loads of peaches trucked in from Michigan, selling for from $5.50 to 8.25 (different grades) per bushel.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

August has given us some rain, though scattered at first. Some corn fields will make some corn, others were too far gone. Fall seeding of fescue and some wheat are well underway, and have a good start. Fall gardens have started well. The big milk companies such as Kraft have decided to quit buying can milk by October 1st. A small company at Mansfield will take our milk for awhile yet. There has been some hope that the new regulations, supposed to go into effect December 26, 1974, can be postponed for awhile.

Fortuna, Missouri, by Menno C. Miller

In all we had 14 inches of rain in August. Ten inches came in six days, the 22nd to the 28th. We had 3.7 inches in about an hour the evening of the 22nd, a gulley washer. Silage corn has been ready three weeks but fields are too wet. Late planted corn is the best this year. Grass and all growing crops look their best.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather has been mostly warm and dry through July, temperature in the 90's, but mostly cool nights. Threshing and combining oats has started. I know of only one patch of wheat raised in Johnson County, mostly corn and beans, cattle and hogs. With the high price of corn and proteins, cattle and hogs are sort of a plaything at present.

We've had cooler weather through August, although several days in the 90's, and also plenty of rain. Pastures are still green and hay plentiful, but oats yield was below normal. Corn is rather uneven, as most of it was planted late due to a wet spring.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had a few good rains during August. Oats yielded from 45 to 75 bu. per acre. Good quality second cutting hay was made and barns filled. Corn looks promising, mostly in the milk stage yet.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

August had ideal growing weather with 8 inches of rain scattered through the month. Corn and beans look very good, but we need a late frost for the late crops. Third cutting hay looks good. Beans are down to $7, corn $3.57. Hogs and cattle are down a bit, too. Milk is $5.16 for 3.7 test.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Amos U. Gingerich

August had many beautiful sunshiny days, with nice showers between. Most of the thrashing is done.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry Miller

We had nice showers through August, which kept pastures nice and green, also plenty of garden vegetables. Some people are digging potatoes, which are a good crop. Thrashing is just about over. One man had 9 acres and got 90 bushels to the acre, while others reported light yields. Nights are chilly, but it warms up during the day.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Mose S. Miller

August was nice with a few hot days. Our dry spell was broken with some very nice showers. One heavy rain on Aug. 21 made the small creeks overflow. Thrashing is finished. Oats is of fair quality. Third crop hay is being made.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

In August we had good growing weather with occasional showers. On the fifth we had a hard rain with small hail, which did a little damage. One family gathered enough hail to freeze two freezers of ice cream. It rained an inch in 15 min., but it took only a narrow path through our settlement. We had very nice thrashing weather with warm days and cool nights. Sweet corn is almost past. Tomatoes are slow in ripening. Canning jars and lids are hard to get. Sugar is high priced $3.74 for 10 lb. Schools started again, so summer must be almost over.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

We had scattered showers throughout August but it still remains on the dry side. Oats yielded good, but it also varied some, early planting was 60 and 70 bushels per acre, other fields only from 25 to 40. It seems the late planted corn fields are nicer than the early planted ones. Had a light frost Aug. 30th.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock, Sr.

We had lots of nice weather in August, with between 5 and 6 inches of rain. This helped the crops: corn, hay, pastures, and gardens. It put some of our small potatoes into a pretty fair size. Lots of second cutting hay was put up, and lots of oats thrashed. Oats yielded less than a year ago. Cattle sell quite a bit lower than a year ago, also hogs and milk.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. WM. Kramer

The first two weeks in August we had ample rain, but the last two weeks were warm. Lots of 80 degree weather, and no rain until the 23rd. Then we had lots of thunder, but showers were scattered. Some are cutting oats and wheat, while others thrashed already. Very little wheat is raised in this area. Work among the women is canning garden things and peaches. Apples, plums, and pears come next, so it is a busy time of year. Weaner pigs are still $23.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

On the whole, August was warm and dry. Total rainfall for the month was only about an inch. On the 23rd it rained a good ½ inch here, but other than that we only had showers. Due to the late spring, oats ripened late and farmers aren't quite finished thrashing yet. Corn needs more warm weather in order to ripen.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We are having very dry weather. Men are busy with the harvesting.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

This area had ample moisture during August, with some periods of very warm days and nights, which was much needed for the corn. Rainfall followed the usual pattern of occurring in streaks; the most noticeable one was on August 23rd when the south end of our settlement received about ¼ in. of rain and four miles north they received 5½ inches in three hours. The corn crop is about caught up to normal years. Early oats was light in grain and straw, yielding 50 to 60 bushels. Late oats appears better but isn't all threshed yet. Gardens are producing well. Potatoes are more plentiful. Tomatoes are slow in ripening. The early apple crop was bountiful which made rows and rows of jars of applesause.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

The first week of August was wet, bringing us 3.3 inches of rain, followed by nice clear days. On Aug. 13th we had .2 in. rain again, and it rained a little about every other day, up until the 26th when a heavy rain brought us 1¾ inches. On the 30th we had .2 inch rain, bringing the total rainfall for the month to 5¾ inches. Weather is considerably cooler. We now have ample moisture to mature the corn. Threshing is the work of the day when weather permits.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

August was quite warm and dry to start with, but we had a good shower and lots of moisture from the 12th on. The latter part of the month was cool and wet, hindering threshing. Threshing is about half done. Grain seems to be fairly heavy in some places and light in others. We still need quite a bit of warmth to ripen the corn.

THE TORNADOES OF ALABAMA AND THE MIDWEST

On April 3, 1974 were 102 tornadoes in the midwest from the Gulf of Mexico to the U.S.- Canadian border. They were the most destructive in northern Alabama. They claim they were the worst in 49 years, which was March 18, 1925 in the states of Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio. On Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965, Indiana and some parts of the midwest were hit very hard, though they claim the April 3, 1974 onslaught may have been the "Granddaddy" of them all.

In recent years the Mennonite Disaster Service was organized to help in times like this. The destruction of so many tornadoes in one day is more than the Red Cross can handle. Through M.D.S. there have for several months two bus loads and a few van loads gone out every week to help rebuild. Lancaster County Volunteers are mostly going to Alabama.

On August 12, 1974 two bus loads of Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren left for voluntary work in Lawrence County, Alabama, which so happened that I was along. I can say it was a pleasant trip, but we should keep in mind the sorrows and tribulations those people have gone through. We should try and live a life that they can accept our help in a peaceful way. They had lots of help and need more help. Some places they are not so particular and other places they are. My teacher used to say, "Things done half are never done right." There was little complaining.

This area where the tornadoes went through in Alabama they call, "The Bible Belt." You can see many Baptist churches. Their baptism is immerging in the water. What we have seen they are a happy group of people. A few of us talked with an old lady that has lost her house and she said, "According to the Bible we have things like this in the last days." We can go out and help them and come home and hardly realize what they went through. They seem happy and content with what they have and can repeat many a true sad experience. These church people seem very much like Lancaster County Brethren (Dunkards). There are no hotels or bar rooms in Lawrence County. We heard no swearing or by words among them. Among the Alabama men we saw none carrying the hippy style hair cut, no women walking in bathing suits out in the public, like in our home towns.

We boarded at an old school house at Hillsboro. The volunteer men were working in a fifty mile area. Jonas Kanagy of Belleville, brother to Ezra Kanagy, is the superintendant. Jonas seems to be doing a fine job. The last morning we were there, after breakfast he read to us a very heart touching poem, as follows:

Levi L. Stoltzfus

NO TIME

1. I knelt to pray, but not for long,
I had too much to do,
Must hurry off and get to work,
For bills would soon be due.

2. And so I said a hurried prayer,
Jumped up from off my knees;
My Christian duty now was done,
My soul could be at ease.

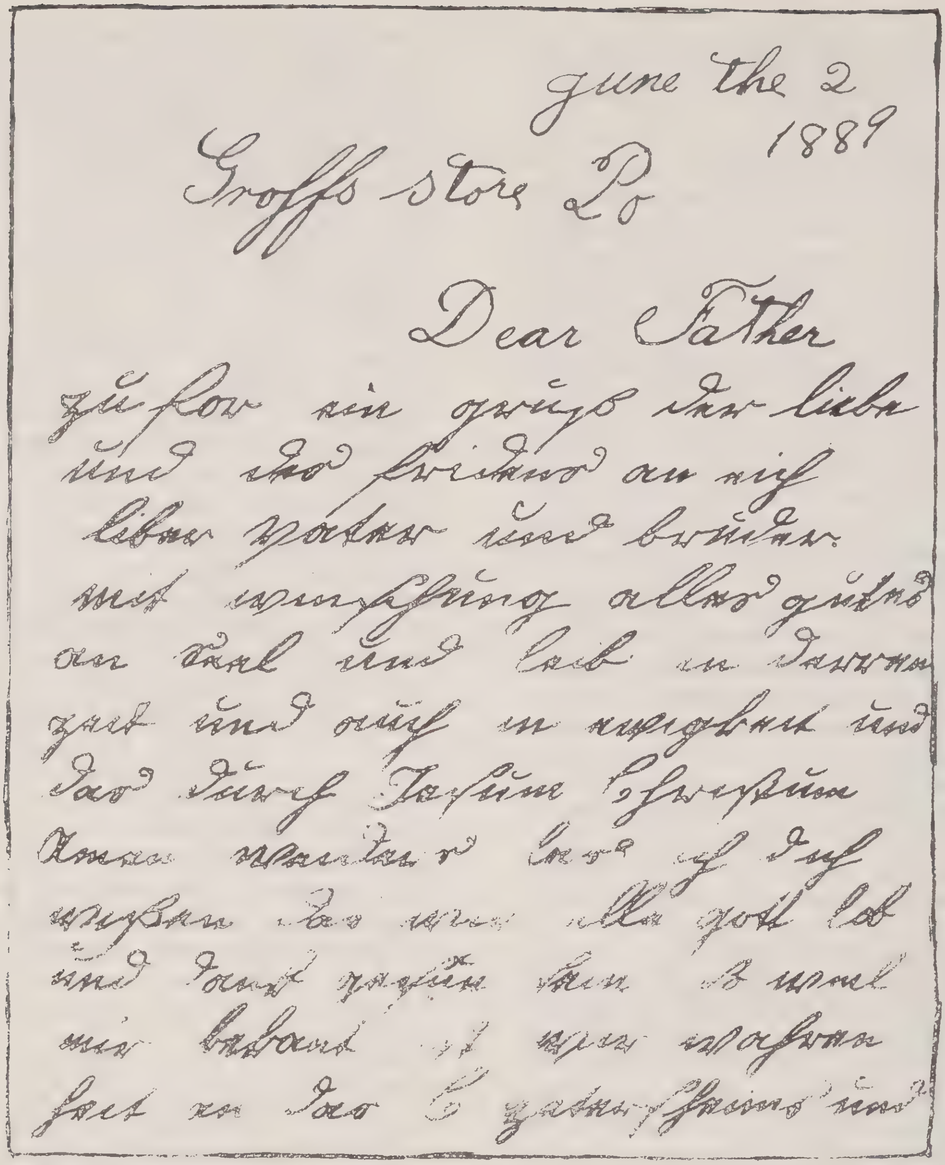
3. All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer,
No time to speak of Christ to friends—
They'd laugh at me, I feared.

4. "No time, no time, too much to do,"
That was my constant cry;
No time to give to those in need.
At last 'twas time to die.

5. And when before the Lord I came,
I stood with downcast eyes,
Within His Hands He held a Book,
It was the "Book of Life."

6. God looked into His Book and read,
"Your name I cannot find,
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."

Author unknown



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Dear Father

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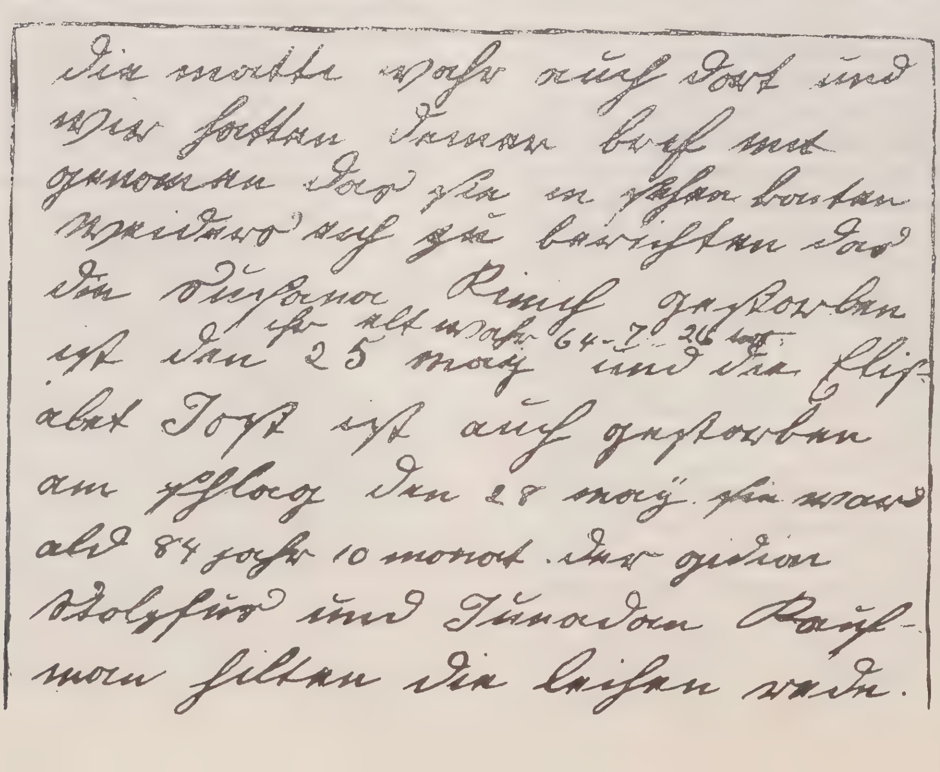

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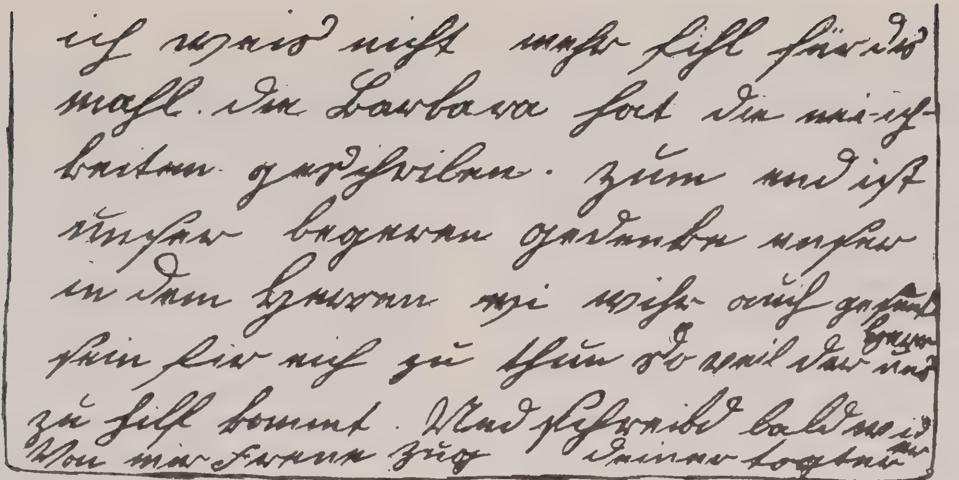

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Von mir Frene Zug deiner togter

Einen Brief geſchrieben zu der Andrew Diener.

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Dear Father

Zufor ein gruß der liebe und des fridens an euch liber Vater und bruder.

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Weiders las ich dich wiſzen das wir alle Gott lob und dank geſun ſein ſo weil mir bekant iſt. Wir wahren heit an das C. Peterſheims und die Mattie wahr auch dort und wir hatten deinen brif mit genomen das ſie in ſehen konten.

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Von mir Frene Zug
deiner togter

Freuet euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:1

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE DR. HANS OR JOHN AND MAGDALENA BLANK FAMILY

By Amos L. Fisher

In the very eastern part of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania lies a cemetery known as the Blank Cemetery which was started nearly two hundred years ago on the Dr. Hans Blank farm along the western side of the Welsh Mountains. There is a dry stone wall laid about four feet high around an eighty feet square which Hans Blank selected for a burial ground for the Amish Brethren after he moved to that locality in 1769. The early grave stones were either unmarked or are weather worn to the extent that they are not readable. The first bodies to be interred there were obviously of the Amish faith. After the second generation the descendants who remained living in that locality married into the none Amish faith but still used that burial ground till as late as 1889. A number of years ago a descendant by the name of Charles Mast undertook the task to rebuild the stone wall which at this day is in good condition. As you noticed in the June issue of THE DIARY a day was set to clean the cemetery which was done on Aug. 7, 1974 by about twenty brethren. We will enclose a map (page 188) which locates the place of the cemetery with numbers on the following page giving the names and dates on the tombstones, however there are some stones which are weatherbeaten and are not readable.

You will notice there are some names that are unknown to the Amish Society today, such as the Dagues, Myers and Sellers. However, the names such as the Reesers, Wanners, Masts and Planks were of Amish descendant, they were names which were found in the early Northkill settlement in Berks County, Pennsylvania. On the stone of Nos. 42 and 43 you will note the spelling in high German of Eohon

Eoder which stands for John Yoder. His wife, Magdalena Eoder, was a daughter of Joseph Garver married to Barbara Blank the daughter of Dr. Hans Blank. Barbara married her second husband, Christian Umble. Eohon Eoder was a son of Strong Jacob Yoder of the Conestoga Valley. One of the children of Eohon (John) and Magdalena Yoder was Magdalena married to Jacob Berkey the great grandparents of the present Deacon Aaron J. Stoltzfus of the White Horse section.

Another daughter of Strong Jacob Yoder is Ester who was married to William Morrow, her tombstone is marked as No. 85 on the chart.

When Dr. Hans Blank moved to Salisbury Township, Lancaster County he purchased several hundred acres of land, which was very likely mostly forest, and as his children married he divided his land. According to deeds his son, John Blank Jr., got the home farm which was in the Blank or Plank name until recent years when it was sold to a doctor in Philadelphia. On this farm is where the cemetery is located. The other part of the farm he sold to his daughter, Barbara, and son-in-law, Christian Umble. This farm at present is owned by Benjamin Allgyer.

Most of the Amish people living in Lancaster, Mifflin, Lawrence and Mercer Counties of Pennsylvania and of Geauga County, Ohio can trace their ancestry back to Dr. Hans or John Blank of Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

To the Dr. (1) Hans and Magdalena Blank were born six children, namely, (2) Anna Blank (1) married to Joseph Hostetler, John Blank married to Fanny Smucker, Catharine Blank married to John Holly, Barbara Blank married first to Joseph Garver second to Christian Umble, Magdalena Blank married to Christian Zug or Zook, and Christiana Blank married to Jacob Yoder.

(2) Anna Blank (1), the oldest of the above mentioned family, was born in Switzerland around 1745, and married to Joseph Hostetler, born about August 1742, the son of Jacob Hochstetler who came to this country Sept. 1, 1736, landed at Philadelphia from the Ship Harle, controlled by Ralph Harle from Rotterdam; last from Cowes, England. It appears they first settled in Brecknock Township and later, in 1739, in Upper Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania where he took up a land warrant of one hundred acres, and later on some additional acres joining land of Christian Berkie, Valentine New, Melchior Detweiler, Hans Fike, Christian Stutzman, and others, situated between Hamburg and Shartlesville. Here the Hochstetlers lived till the Indian massacre in 1757 which took the life of Jacob's wife and several children. Jacob, Christian and Joseph were taken prisoners. A more accurate account will be made at a later date so we will proceed with the life of Joseph Hostetler. He was taken captive by the Indians and held for six years. Upon his return to the Northkill settlement he reunited with the Amish Brethren and married Anna Blank, the daughter of Dr. Hans Blank of that place. After Dr. Hans Blank decided to sell the farm in Upper Bern Township, Berks County and move south to Salisbury Township, Lancaster County in about 1769, they sold their farm to their daughter and son-in-law, Joseph Hostetler. Here the Hostetlers lived till about 1806 when he was last taxable, which was then Heidelberg Township, Berks County. In 1810 Joseph Hostetler purchased land in Fernanagh Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He married his second wife, Barbara Kauffman. To Joseph and Anna were born seven children who survived and grew to adulthood, namely, John, Henry, Michael, Magdalena, Joseph Jr., Peter and Anna Hostetler.

(3) John Hostetler (2), the oldest son of Joseph, married to Barbara Mast, born Dec. 9, 1765, died August 1849, a daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast of the Conestoga Valley. They resided at the time of his death in Juniata County. The late Rev. Harvey Hostetler writes that John Hostetler died as a rather young man in about 1806 and is buried on the same farm as his father, Joseph, about a mile east of Mifflin in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Barbara (Mast) Hostetler, the widow, remarried to John Zook, or better known in his time as "Der Dick Hans Zook." To John Hostetler and his wife, Barbara Mast, were born eight children; namely, (4) Jacob Hostetler (3), married to Sarah Maucht; (5) John Hostetler (3), married to Rachel Clair; (6) Nancy Hostetler (3), married to David Kauffman; (7) Barbara Hostetler (3), married to David Mast, most of this family moved to Kansas; (8) Martha Hostetler (3), married to Samuel Sharp, they moved to Logan County, Ohio; (9) David Hostetler (3), married to Catharine Yoder, daughter of Christian and Mary (Summers) Yoder, who was the son of "Dick Christol Yoder;" (10) Christian Hostetler (3), married to Elizabeth Yoder, the daughter of "Yetter" Hannes and Barbara (Reickenbach) Yoder, they moved from Mifflin to Centre Co., Pa., from there to Wayne County, Ohio; (11) Susan Hostetler (3), married to Yost Zook, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Fisher) Zook, they moved from Mifflin County to Bloomington and Carlock, Illinois.

It seems that about the only Amish descendants of (3) John (2) and Barbara (Mast) Hostetler is through his sixth child, (9) David Hostetler, married to Catherine Yoder. They had eight children; namely, Christian, died single; (12) David Hostetler (9), born Sept. 8, 1824, died Jan. 25, 1902, married to Anna Kauffman; (13) Levi Hostetler (9), married to Barbara Peachey; (14) Lydia Hostetler (9), married to Samuel Kauffman; (15) Barbara Hostetler (9), born July 13, 1830, married to Moses Peachey, born Sept. 22, 1828, died June 18, 1888; (16) Leah Hostetler (9), married to Jacob N. Yoder; (17) Catherine Hostetler (9), married to Solomon Peachey; (18) Nancy Hostetler (9), married to Christian K. Peachey, born March 15, 1835. He was ordained bishop and one of their daughters, (19) Barbara Peachey (18), married to Yost M. Yoder, the son of Pre. Christian Z. and Rose Ann (McMonigel) Yoder. One of their children, (20) Katie Yoder (19), married to Isreal B. Zook, are the parents of the present deacon, (21) Isreal Zook (20) of Belleville, Pennsylvania.

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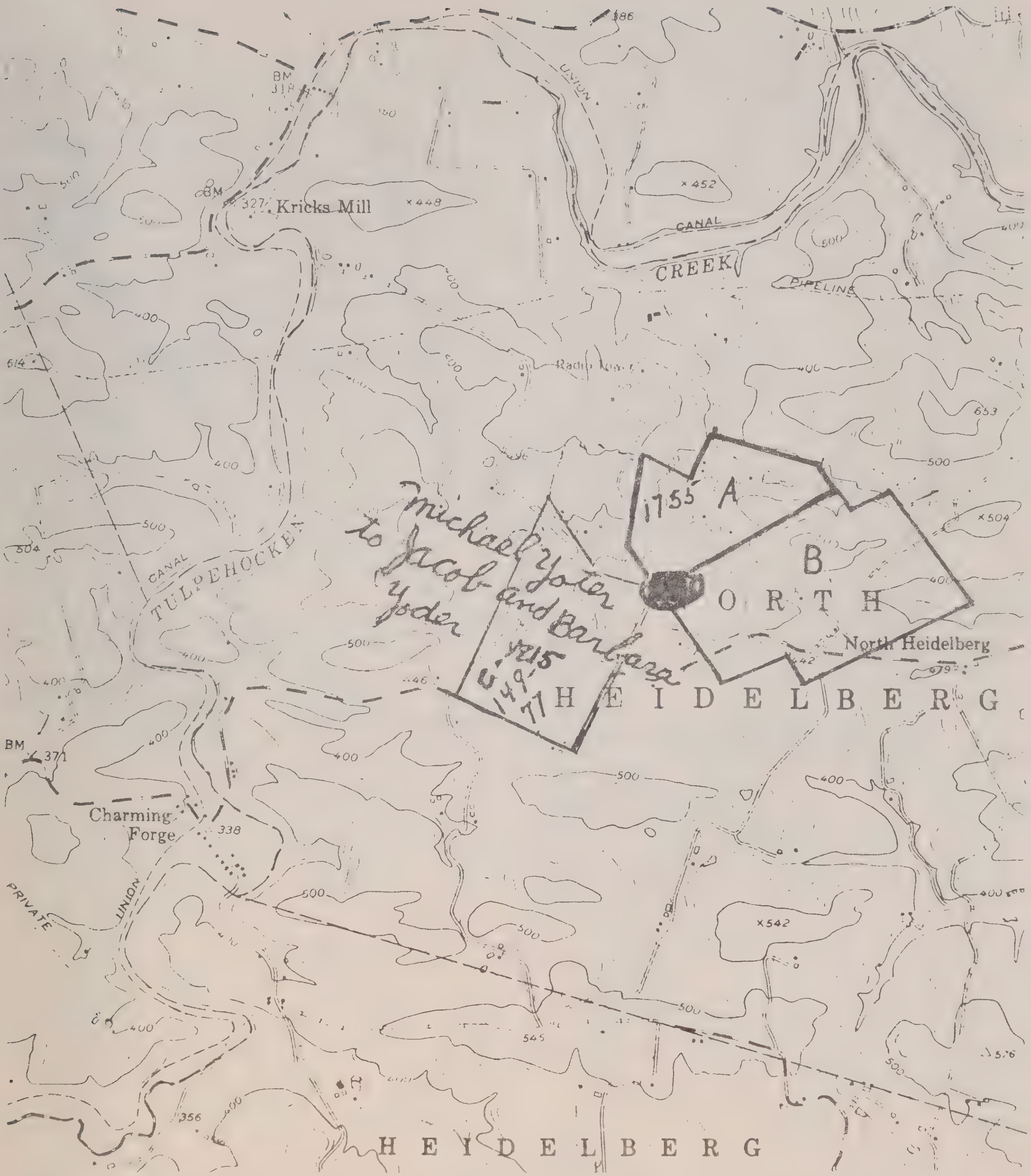
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CANAL
UNION
TULPEHOCKEN
CANAL
PIPELINE
Radio tower
NORTH HEIDELBERG
North Heidelberg
HEIDELBERG
Charming Forge
PRIVATE
UNION
BM 318
BM 327
BM 371
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×448
×452
×504
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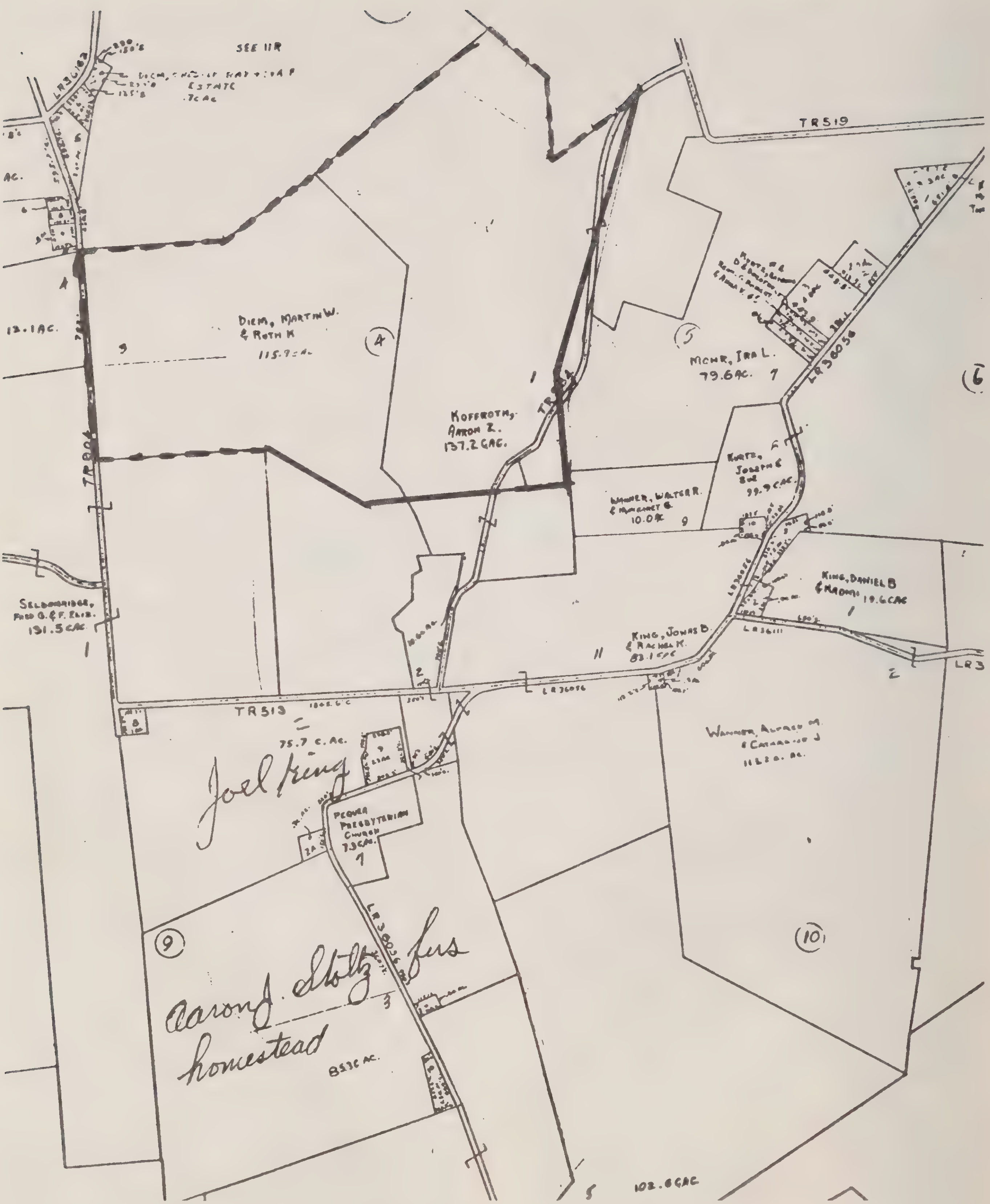
The shaded circle marks Hostetler Hill and is still known by that name by old timers today. This is truly a landmark to show that the Hostetlers have lived there. (From the work of Paul V. Hostetler, Hamden, Conn.)

Landgrant sketch A is undoubtedly the original landgrant of Dr. Johannes Blank, 1755. This tract was trandferred to Joseph Hostetler around 1770, where he lived till near the turn of the century. In 1797 the Almsbook was entrusted to him and was in his possession one year. It is evident that he moved to another locality then. It is clear that he succeeded Hans Kurtz's deacon office. Tract B (AA-11-378) was deeded to Johannes Blank in 1770. This appears to be John Blank Jr., who stayed in Berks County for awhile but also moved to Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County later. This is most likely the Hans Blank who contributed to the alms in 1774.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MOHR, IRA L. 79.6 AC.
KURTZ, JOSEPH E 99.9 C.AC.
WANNER, WALTER R. & MARGARET E 10.0 AC.
KING, DANIEL B & NAOMI 19.6 C.AC.
KING, JONAS B. & RACHEL K. 83.1 C.AC.
SELDOMRIDGE, FRED G. & F. ELIZ. 131.5 C.AC.
WANNER, ALFRED M. & CATHARINE J 118.2 C. AC.
PEQUEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7.3 C.AC.
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TR804
TR514
LR36056
LR36111
LR3
75.7 C. AC.
85.3 C. AC.
102.6 C.AC.
13.1 AC.
Joel King
Aaron J. Stoltzfus homestead
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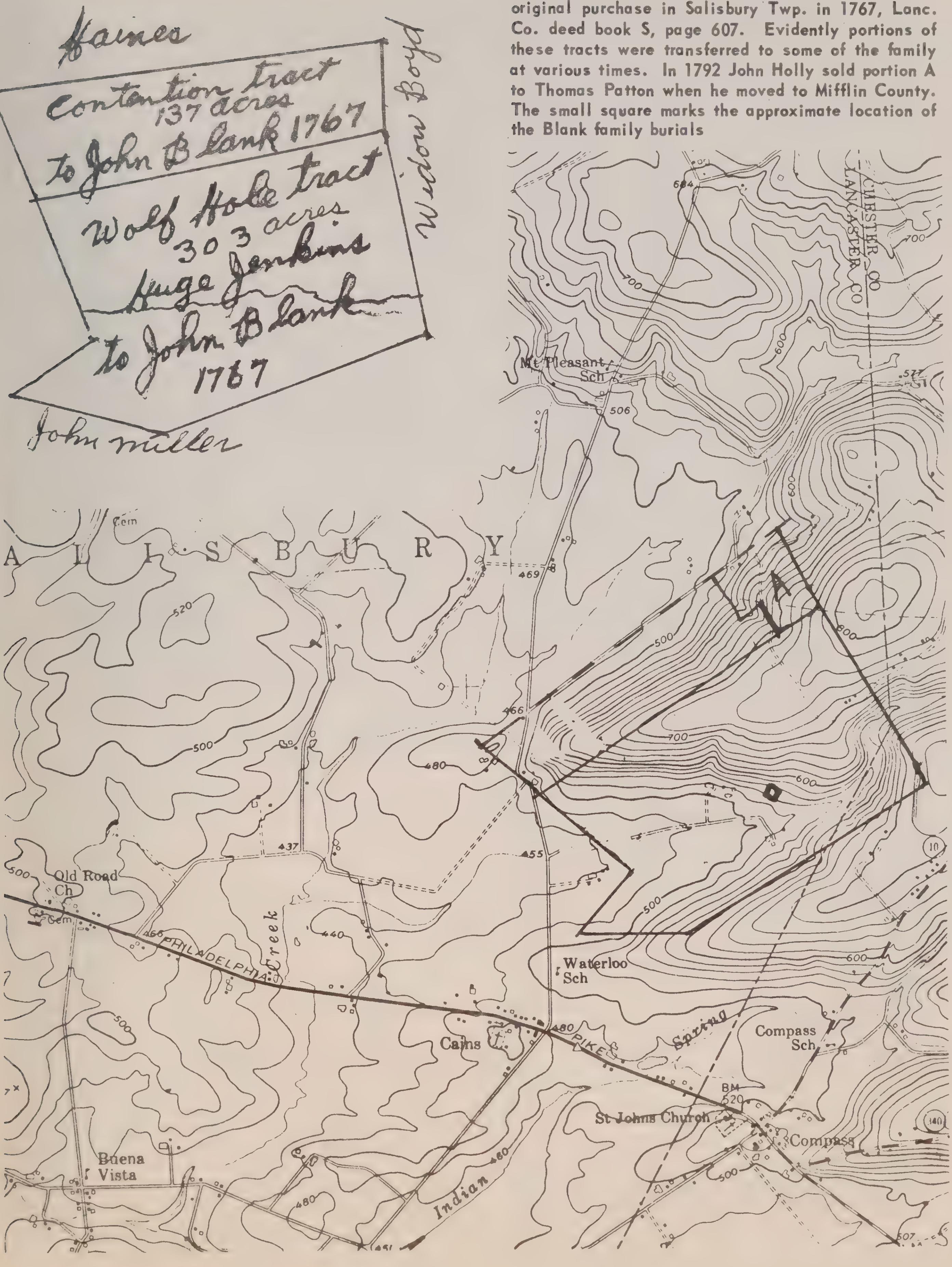
Draft of the Michael Treier (Troyer) deed N-237 Lancaster County in 1771.

At a later date he is listed in Somerset Co., Pa. He is believed to be a close associate to the Blank family and possibly an orphan. The location of this tract is due north of White Horse, just north of the Pequea Presbyterian Church.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to John Blank 1767
Wolf Hole tract
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Hugh Jenkins
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1767
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John Miller
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Spring
Compass Sch
BM 520
St Johns Church
Compass
340
Buena Vista
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Indian
451
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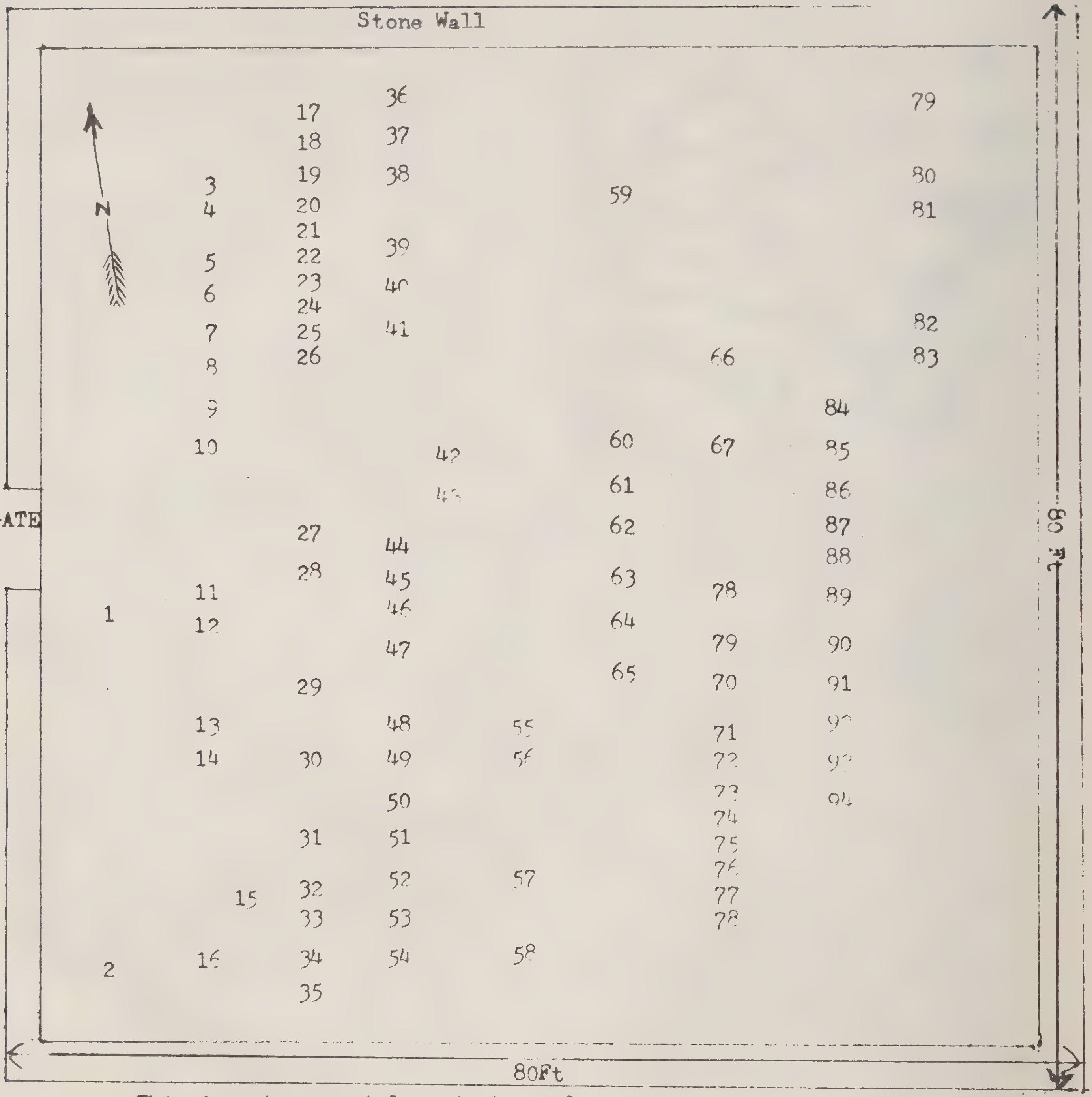
The approximate location of the Dr. John Blank original purchase in Salisbury Twp. in 1767, Lanc. Co. deed book S, page 607. Evidently portions of these tracts were transferred to some of the family at various times. In 1792 John Holly sold portion A to Thomas Patton when he moved to Mifflin County. The small square marks the approximate location of the Blank family burials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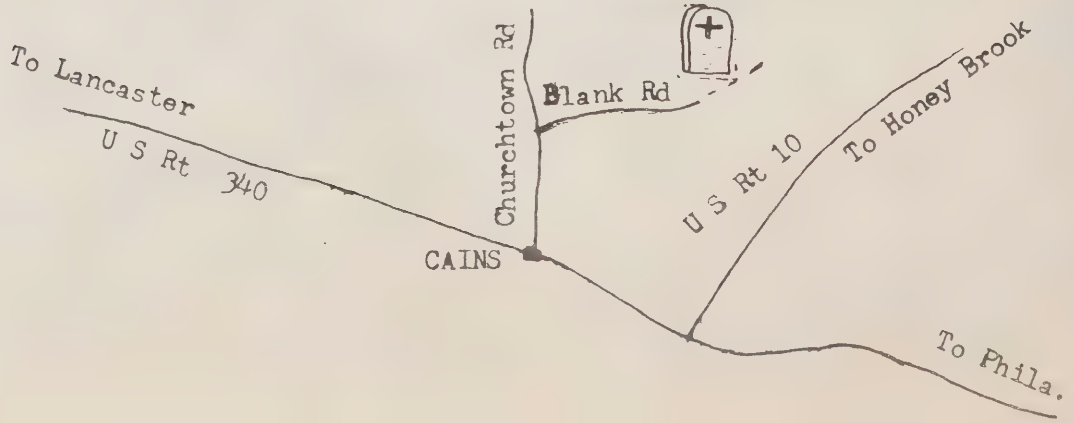
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CAINS
Churchtown Rd
Blank Rd
U S Rt 10
To Honey Brook
To Phila.

PLANK CEMETERY

1–C. P.
2–Elizabeth dau of Moses & Magdalena Hartz D. 1853 Age –19–1
5–A. P. desc May 1824
11– Noah son of Jacob & Catharine Plank Aug 6 1817 1–7–22
12–Catharine wife of Jacob Plank Apr 11 1819 50–8–9
13–Christianna Zook Mar 29 1825
14–Christian Zook Sept 12 1825
15–Inf son of Nicholas & F Reeser Sept 11 1860 –30
16–F. R. Aug 1 1–5–14
18–John M Yoder b. Jan 30 1837 d. Nov 30 1854
20–Rachel Yoder b. April 24 1810 d. Oct. 23 1850
21–Martha Good d. in the year 1837 in her 66th year
22–Sen. Andrew Dague Mar 16 1854 in his 95th year
Anna wife of Andrew Dague Feb 1 1839 68–10–11
29–Annie dau of David & Susanna Wanner May 31 1865 3–1–12
30–Inf son of John L & Mary Ann Mast Dec 17 1858 –1–15
32–Joseph son of John & Catharine Myers May 24 1864 22–3–7
33–Sarah C dau of John & Catharine Myers July 19 1864 19–2–13
34–Catharine Summers wife of John Myers April 29 1885 80–3–4
35–John Myers Aug 18 1883 83–1–
42–Magdalena Eoder ist gestorben den 28 Martz 1863
43–Eohan Eoder ist gestorben den 19 April ist alt gewarden 68 yahr
44–Jacob Reeser b. Dec 26 1832 d. April 15 1863
45– Elmina dau of Jacob & Hanna Reeser b. Nov. 11 1830 d. Feb 13 1855
46–Jacob Reeser Jan 6 1849 46–4–27
47–Hanna wife of Jacob Reeser b. Mar 12 1804 d. Feb 8 1848 43–10–24
51–Jacob Reeser b. Oct 13 1765 d. Dec 9 1835 70–1–27
52–Barbara Reeser Oct 6 1847 71–
53–Daniel Plank Oct 23 1871 71–1–6
54–Christianna wife of Daniel Plank Dec 5 1869 55–10–22
55–John Plank Nov 9 1844 72–
56–Magdalena Plank Mar 8 1858 in her 88th year
57–Fannie wife of Jacob Mast July 15 1848 43–4–3
58–Peter Reeser 1840 80–
80–Conrad Sellers Jan 9 1830 in his 88th year
81–Susanna wife of Conrad Sellers April 9 1830 in the 92nd year
83– Feb 13 1846 11– –13
84–Margaret Morrow Aug 21 1887 76–2–7
85–Esther Morrow Dec 11 1863 in the 96th year of her life
86–Nicholas Plank Oct 11 1859 in the 77th year
87–Sarah Mast June 18 1862 62–9–19
88–Barbara Plank Jan 23 1834 70– –
89–dau of John Y & Charity Plank – –1
90–Mary Ann dau of John Y & Charity Plank b. Dec 30 1841 d. Aug 13 1844
91–Inf son of John Y & Charity Plank – –11
92–dau of John & Charity Plank – –19
93–John Y Plank b. July 26 1818 d. Nov 1865
94–Charity wife of John Y Plank April 23 1889 72– –23

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Now from J. Virgil Miller's work, which he has released from his recent European studies, we do find a Nicolas Blank on the 1703 minister list of Ste. Marie-aux-mines. This list was signed by Jacob Ammon, Hans Zimmerman and Niklaus Blank. He is listed again in 1705 and 1705. On the ministers lists of Germany from 1717 to 1787 we fail to find any Blanks.

All in all we have ample proof to say that the Dr. John Blank family came from France (also called Deutschland), and there is some evidence that the Cocalico John Blanks also came from the same place.

It is more probable that Dr. John Blank came to America on the ship "Brotherhood" Nov. 3, 1750, than on the ship "St. Andrew" as stated last month because on the Brotherhood list is also Andrew Holly and others who have long been known to be close friends.

In 1774 Hans Blanks gave money to the church alms, it is difficult to say which one. Dr. Hans Blank lived in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County at that time, and if it was the John Blank in Cocalico Township it is the only entry of the Cocalico group and it has been thought that the Cocalico congregation would not contribute to the Northkill church alms, so this subject must be left open.

From writings of the past we were given the impression that Dr. John Blank was a state church convert, from a family of wealth and high education or at least a doctor's degree. Now that we have more light on his background in Europe we can say that he was a man of ordinary class, of genuine Anabaptist heritage, of a family that abode with the Ammon congregation from the beginning, who was likewise faithful in America. In his will he does call himself a farmer and a physician, or a doctor. This was not uncommon in the Alsace church. Here we must include another part of a paragraph of the French Anabaptists:[2] "The increasement of the Mennonites in this territory (Montbeliard) has two reasons. They formed among themselves something like a republic, being not only competent for agriculture, but also as veterinarians, their own doctors and pharmicists using old prescriptions, etc."

Joseph F. Beiler

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1. and 2. Recheres Historiques sur les Anabaptists du pays de Montbeliard, by Charles Mathiot and Roger Boigol, Mennonite Publishers 5. 531 Flavion Belgium.

ERRATA

by Joseph F. Beiler

In my last few articles some mistakes occurred which are too serious to leave uncorrected.

On page 143, Family No. 9, Joseph Beiler was not born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, rather in Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. His parents never lived in Lebanon County.

On page 166 a Mast graveyard description reads, it is the oldest graveyard in Lancaster County—should read, it is the oldest Amish Church graveyard in Lancaster County in continuous use to this day.

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

More of the Blank Families

As outlined in our last month's article, we must keep in mind that practically all of the Amish and Mennonite Blank or Plank Families derive from two family heads, both being John Blanks. They both came to America within a few years time, both settled in an area a distance of ten miles apart, and both died within ten years. The one family seems to be a little older than the other, so it is little wonder that a problem exists, to keep the families separated. To keep a distinction clear in mind we will call the one, Dr. John Blank, the other, John Blank of Cocalico.

The Blanks in Europe

Without doubt the origin of our Blanks traces back to Switzerland, and prominent families of that name are still native there. A most notable one of this century may be Dr. Fritz Blanke of Zurich, Switzerland, who has made an extensive study of early Swiss Brethren church formation and activities, especially of the first "taufhandlung," Konrad Grebels (Jan. 21, 1525) and Georg Blaurock, as he quotes, "Muss ein ungemein starkes echo gefunden haben," or to say that there was strong opposition between Blaurock and Zwingli, where Dr. Blank seems to have collected and preserved documents of debate between these parties when they were the strongest. In 1925 he wrote a book entitled, "BRUDER IN CHRISTO, Die Geschichte der Altesten Taufergemeinde Zollikon."

Now that we are able to quote from the John Holly 1805 letter, preserved by Joseph E. Peachey of Belleville, Pennsylvania, saying that his wife is from Deutschland, von "Mimelgat" a Swiss-German word for Montbeliard, now in France. By this documentation we can be sure that the Dr. John Blank family came from this region. Besides this we have at least three other sources that distinctly name Blank (Blanck) (Plank) families, residing east of the Jura, first in the Ste. Marie-aux-mines of Alsace. Within a decade we find the same group in Montbeliard where they were able to gain a stronger foothold to establish a church, and a fairly strong church did exist there for about a century. Just when these Blank families were removed from Switzerland to the French regions we cannot say definitely, we can only suggest that they may have followed a mass of Anabaptists who were virtually driven out of Switzerland by governing authorities in 1671 and took refuge in the Jura Mountain regions. At a later date some may have moved directly from Bern to these French regions. By 1690 we find the Blanks listed among the Jacob Ammon group, where a Christian Plank was a deacon and a strong defender of the Ammon doctrine at the beginning. At one time he accompanied Jacob Ammon to visit and examine the church in Switzerland and at another time he was sent by Ammon on a like mission. But by the time Ammon made a restitution, differences arose between them and Christian Plank joined the John Reist party where he resumed his ministry until he died. Around 1711 Plank wrote a letter relating his experience with the Jacob Ammon movement, which contradicts his works sharply.

From the French Anabaptist History,[1] we find a number of lists that include Blanks. A 1703 list of Ste. Marie-aux-mines includes a Nicolas Blank. A 1715 list names Jacob Blank, now in Montbeliard, as a family head. The 1733 list is longer and here we find a John Blank in Montbeliard among American associate names. By this list we would preferto speculate that this could be the John Blank of Cocalico because Hans Schirk and Hans Zimmerman are also on this list and are identical names of his neighbors in America, but this matter must be left open. In other lists two John Blanks are given as family heads but we are at a loss to know if there were two or if the same man is meant to be listed twice. In 1750 a Blank is listed among the ministers of the Montbeliard church districts but his given name is omitted.

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TWINS KILLED IN IND. ACCIDENT

Peter and Jonas, 6-month-old twin sons of Joni and Emma (Graber) Hilty of Geneva, Indiana, were killed in a car-buggy crash Sept. 16th on Highway 27. The infants died when the buggy, driven by their father, was struck by a car going at a high rate of speed. They were dead at the scene. The buggy was smashed to bits and the horse was killed. Both children had basal skull fractures, broken arms and legs and internal injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Hilty both remained in the Bluffton Clinic Hospital. Joni, 20, has a fracture of the femur of his left leg and lacerations to the body. His wife, Emma, 21, was critically hurt, has a fractured skull and fracture of the spine, and severe lacerations to the scalp and left leg.

(See obituary)

BUGGY-CAR ACCIDENT AT LUCKNOW, ONT.

Joni D. Shetlers and four children of Lucknow R1 and Dan M. Shetlers of Norwich R1 were involved in a serious buggy-car accident Sept. 15th at 9:00 p.m. A car, blinded by lights of an oncoming car, failed to see the buggy and crashed into the back end. Those most seriously hurt were Mrs. Mary Shetler and daughter Elizabeth, who were both thrown on the highway. Mary broke her arm and had deep bruises all over her body. The baby suffered a fractured skull and was taken to a London Hospital where she remained half-conscious. Mrs. Jemima Shetler suffered an injured eye and severe bumps, bruises and internal injuries. She remained in intensive care over a week. The rest had minor cuts and bumps.

DANVILLE, OHIO MISHAP

Mrs. Andy (Susie) Miller fell while going down a hill to the spring house, July 30th. She put her hand to the ground to protect herself from the fall and broke her wrist. She wore a cast to above her elbow for six weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Grey County, Ontario

Moses E. Hershberger of Desboro had a horse who got quite unruly in the barn so they turned it out on pasture, later they found it dead back in the bush. A government veterinarian was called. He suspected Rabies, and advised to get a back-hoe and bury him on the spot, which they did. The veterinarian took a portion of the brain out and has sent it in for tests. Rabies are quite common here in Grey County. If this proves to be Rabies it will be the first case in eight years among horses in our area.

The government of Canada has now issued an 8¢ postage stamp honouring the Russian Mennonites who immigrated to western Canada in the 1800's when they fled their country in time of war. When they arrived in Canada they brought with them only the most needed items to survive in a desert land, our western praires. They brought with them a hard spring wheat that they used for bread, etc. They saved some for planting the next spring. The wheat yielded well so more and more desert land was broken and seeded to spring wheat each year. The vast prairies that were only desert at one time are now the "Bread Basket of the World," and it all came about by the Russians fleeing their country and settling in Canada to survive.

The government of Canada is also doing another thing right now that is not so pleasant. In Quebec alone they buried nine million eggs in September that spoiled after being in storage too long. They say they expect this figure to climb to 28 million by the end of this year. They are afraid if they lower the price enough to discourage the people to produce eggs they will soon be at the point where there will be no eggs. If the price is too high in the store the eggs will not move fast enough and will have to be discarded some other way at the taxpayers' cost.

"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen"..

Mark 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Christ R. (Katie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3 a son DAVID S., September 20

BEILER, David Z. (Katie F. Kauffman) Pond Rd. Ronks R1, a daughter EMMA K., September 2

BEILER, Henry K. (Katie F. Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1 a son AMOS S., September 29

BEILER, Jacob P. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) Kirkwood R1, a daughter RACHEL S., September 28

BEILER, John L. (Anna S. Lapp) Strasburg R1 a son DAVID L., September 11

EBERSOL, Elam (Emma Miller) 558 Gibbons Rd. Bird-in-Hand, a son OMAR M., September 20

ESH, Aaron K. (Sylvia K. Lapp) Quarryville R3 a son CHRISTIAN L., September 12

ESH, David (Rachel Ebersol) Paradise R1 a son ISAAC F., September 18

ESH, Henry (Katie Lapp) Intercourse a son HENRY JR., September 12

FISHER, Aaron K. (Katie L. Fisher) Gordonville R1 a daughter RACHEL REBECCA, September 8

FISHER, Benjamin K. (Rachel Zook) Kirkwood R1 a son EMANUEL, September 1

FISHER, Elmer (Naomi Beiler) Kinzers R1 a daughter MARY JANE, September 5

FISHER, Henry Z. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 a son Daniel S., September 13

FISHER, Jacob M. (Ariana Glick) Oxford R2 a daughter SYLVIA G., September 10

FISHER, Jonas E. (Sadie E. Zook) Kinzers R1 a daughter SYLVIA Z., September 1

KAUFFMAN, Christian J. (Anna S. Flaud) Paradise R1 a daughter NANCY ANN, August 5 (CORRECTION)

KAUFFMAN, John M. (Arie R. Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1, a son BENNIE S., August 24

KING, Benjamin E. (Lizzie Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3 a daughter LIZZIE S., September 10

KING, Benuel K. (Lena Lapp) Strasburg R1 a daughter REBECCA LYNN, September 24

KING, Daniel M. (Susie S. King) Morgantown R1 a son DAVID K., August 28

KING, Elam F. (Emma Lapp) Ronks R1 a son MERVIN, September 12

KING, Jacob M. (Emma Esh) Narvon R1 a daughter SARAH KATHRYN, September 8

KING, John S. (Anna Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son AMOS S., September 15

KING, Leroy (Mary Beiler) 114 Pond Rd., Ronks R1 a son JONATHAN, September 2

KING, Sylvan S. (Elizabeth King) Paradise R1 a son ELMER JAY, September 4

LAPP, Elam F. (Fannie K. Fisher) Lititz R4 a son AMOS JAY, September 15

LAPP, Leroy E. (Naomi Esh) New Holland R1 a daughter ROSANNA E., September 4

MILLER, Amos R. (Lydia Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son JOHN L., September 19

MILLER, John L. (Rebecca B. King) Brethren Church Rd., Leola, a daughter SYLVIA K., September 22

PETERSHEIM, Daniel B. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son DANIEL B. JR., September 29

RIEHL, Christ E. (Priscilla F. Petersheim) 355 Newport Rd., Leola, a daughter NAOMI P., September 2

RIEHL, Christian G. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter BARBARA S., August 11

SMUCKER, David B. (Susie K. Beiler) Quarryville R3 a son SAMUEL B., September 20

STOLTZFOOS, John K. (Barbara S. Glick) Holtwood R2 a son ABRAHAM, September 5

STOLTZFUS, Abner F. (Mary Fisher) Quarryville R3 a daughter MARY ANN, September 15

STOLTZFUS, Christ (Priscilla K. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a son MAHLON JOHN, September 4

STOLTZFUS, Daniel (Sadie Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son ALLEN JAMES, September 30

STOLTZFUS, Elam (Priscilla Riehl) Gordonville R1 a son, September 14

STOLTZFUS, Eli S. Jr. (Mary Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son AMOS R., August 18

STOLTZFUS, Enos S. (Katie Lapp) Kirkwood R1 a daughter LIZZIE L., September 15

STOLTZFUS, John K. (Mary S. Esh) Leola R1 a daughter EMMA E., September 11

STOLTZFUS, Samuel S. (Katie S. Lapp) 226 Scenic Rd., Gordonville R1, a dau. SADIE L., September 19

YODER, Samuel K. (Sarah Beiler) Christiana R1 a son CRISTIE B., September 9

ZOOK, Abner (Miriam Lapp) Leola R1 a daughter BARBARA, September 17

ZOOK, Amos B. (Rachel S. Lapp) 54 Old Leacock Rd. Ronks R1, a daughter ROSE ANNA, September 1

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Dover, Delaware

DETWEILER, Johnny Ray (Martha Marie Miller) Dover R2, a daughter CAROLYN LOUISE, September 13

KING, Ervin J..(Polly Mae Miller) Dover R5 a daughter SUSANN, September 2

MILLER, Ervin H..(Emma Mast) Wyoming R1 a daughter DENA, September 15

MILLER, John W..(Emma Mast) Dover R6 a daughter BARBARA, September 7

TROYER, Allen A. (Esther Miller) Wyoming R1 a daughter ELLEN MAE, September 12

TROYER, Melvin A..(Sadie Mast) Hartly R1 a son WILLIAM RAY, September 15

TROYER, Sam S..(Lizzie Mast) Wyoming R1 a still born son, September 2

YODER, Henry E..(Mary Mast) Dover R2 a son RAYMOND HARVEY, September 22

St.Mary's and Charles County, Maryland

BEILER, David (Saloma Wengerd) Mechanicsville a son JOHNNY, September 5

HERTZLER, Ben (Lydia Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville a son REUBEN, September 29

HERTZLER, David (Sarah Swarey) Charlotte Hall a daughter NAOMI, September 17

KURTZ, Gideon (Rachel Hertzler) Mechanicsville a daughter EMMA, September 12

Bradford County, Pennsylvania

BEACHEY, Simon (Sarah Yoder) LeRaysville a daughter MATILDA, September 4

Lebanon County. Pennsylvania

KAUFFMAN, Emanuel S. (Katie Fisher) Myerstown R2 a son MARVIN F.., September 9

ZOOK, Simeon (Sarann Stoltzfus) Newsmanstown R1 a son HENRY, September 23

Centre County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Christ L. (Sarah Stoltzfus) a son HENRY, August 1

KING, Abner K. (Ruth Fisher) a son ANDREW, August 28

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

PEACHEY, Louie (Lomie Peachey) Belleville a daughter MALINDA, September 2

RENNO, John (Lavina Peachey) Belleville a daughter MARTHA, September 27

Oakland, Maryland

BEACHY, Norman E.(Lizzie Hershberger) a daughter MARTHA, September 15

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

SUMMY, Harvey E..(Rhoda Yoder) Grantsville, Md. a son PETE, September 10

Danville, Ohio

MILLER, Joni J. (Emma Sue Miller) Danville a daughter MARY, August 26

SHETLER, Eli M. (Anna Petersheim) Danville a daughter LINDA, September 22

Utica, Ohio

MILLER, Eli (Carol Kauffman) Utica R1 a daughter RACHEL MARIE, September 22

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Allen W..(Ann Hershberger) a son, September 1

FREY, Henry H..(Mary Ann Miller) a son ALLEN, September

HERSHBERGER, Crist N..(Fannie Slabaugh) a cdaughter, September 24

HOSTETLER, Eli S..(Martha Gingerich) a son, September 19

MILLER, Martin M..and wife a son, September 30

MILLER, Menno J..(Mattie Kurtz) a son, September 21

MILLER, William D..(Agnes J.. Byler) a son, September 19

Holmes County, Ohio

GINGERICH, Mahlon A. (Esta E. Yoder) Millersburg Star Route, a daughter JOANNA, August 28

HERSHBERGER, Edward D. (MaryAnn Miller) a daughter LEAH, September 22

HOSTETLER, Nelson J. (Lizzie Ann Miller) Holmesville R1, a daughter SUSAN, August 10

MILLER, Eli J. (Anna Bowman) Holmesville R1 a son DWAYNE ALLEN, August 16

MILLER, Jonas L. (Katie Schlabach) Millersburg R5 a daughter ELSIE, September 1

MILLER, Jonas W. (Mary Schlabach) Millersburg R5 a son DENNIS, September 16

MILLER, Monroe M. Jr. (Amanda Yoder) Millersburg R5 a son NELSON, August 24

SCHLABACH, Jonas L. and wife, Millersburg R5 a daughter, September 1

TROYER, Aden E. and wife, Millersburg R4 Box 152-B, a daughter, September 1

WEAVER, Dennis M. (Mary Miller) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter JOANNA, August 28

YODER, Crist S. (Susie Troyer) Holmesville R1 a daughter RUTH, September 9

YODER, David R. (Elsie Raber) Millersburg R4 a son DORAN

YODER, Dean A. (Elizabeth Miller) Berlin a daughter MARIE, September 3

YODER, Ivan L. (Sue Coblentz) Millersburg R5 a daughter MARIE, September 20

YODER, Ura M. (Sarah Weaver) Millersburg R5 a daughter CINDY, August 31

Wayne County, Ohio

GINGERICH, Roman A..(Clara R. Yoder) a daughter LAURA, July 30

MILLER, Joe M.. (Mary M.. Yoder) Apple Creek R2 a son NORMAN, August 17

MILLER, Lester E..(Esther Hershberger) Mt. Hope a son VERNON, August 7

TROYER, Eli C..(Drusilla R.. Yoder) Apple Creek R1 a daughter ANNA, August 6

TROYER, Eli M..(Emma Gingerich) Apple Creek R2 a son DAVID, August 19

TROYER, Jacob M. (Amanda Wengerd) Orrville R2 a son MOSE, August 10

TROYER, Marvin N..(Mary M..Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a daughter MARTHA, August

Ashtabula County, Ohio

SCHMUCKER, Owen (Saloma Miller) Orwell
a son PAUL, September 12

Ashland County, Ohio,

BRENNEMAN, Allen (Lydiann Weaver) Ashland R1
a son JOHN, September 18
COBLENTZ, Moses (Annie E. Yoder) Ashland R5
a daughter ESTHER, September 11

Centreville, Michigan

HOSTETLER, Vernon (Katie Borkholder) Sturgis R3
a daughter ELEANOR, September 11
MILLER, Elmer (Ella Bontrager) Centreville R1
a son ROY, September 11

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Laverne (Martha Graber) Grabill
a daughter ANNA MAE, August 29
LENGACHER, Amos (Amanda Marie Graber) Grabill
a daughter EMMA, August 15
MILLER, John, Jr. (Rosa Schmucker) Grabill
a daughter MARJORIE, September 4
SCHMUCKER, David (Emma Schmucker) Woodburn
a daughter SUSAN, September 13
SCHMUCKER, Jesse (Mary Graber) Spencerville
a son RAYMOND, July 21
SCHWARTZ, Ora (Ruth Eicher) Spencerville
a son JOSEPH, June 28

Adams County, Indiana

EICHER, Menno N.. (Becky Hilty) Geneva R2
a daughter BECKY, September 5
SCHWARTZ, Levi G. (Josephine Schwartz) Berne R2
a son WILLIAM, August 26
SCHWARTZ, Peter A. (Elizabeth Schwartz) Monroe R1
a daughter ROSIE, September 20
SHETLER, Jacob M. (Freida Mae Kauffman) Monroe
R1, a daughter WILMA, September 16
WICKEY, Aaron (Malinda Schwartz) Monroe R1
a son ENOS, September 27
WICKEY, Menas A. (Susan Schwartz) Monroe R1
a daughter BERTHA, September 25

Elkhart County, Indiana

LEHMAN, John (Amanda Coblentz) Middlebury R2
a son, September 17
LEHMAN, Orva (Mary Bontrager) Middlebury R1
a son DAVID WAYNE, August 28
MAST, Joni (Anna Belle Slabach) Goshen R1
a daughter JO ELLEN, September 4
MILLER, Dewayne (Ruth Jones) Middlebury R1
a son LYNN JAMES, September 2
MILLER, Melvin H.. (Susie Hochstetler) Middlebury R2
a daughter ESTHER, September 10
MILLER, Samuel H.. (Mary Ellen Lehman) Middlebury
R3, a son STEVEN, September 20
YUTZY, Marvin (Anna Mae Troyer) Goshen R1
a daughter NORA ANN, August 26

Marshall County, Indiana

HOCHSTETLER, Norman (Inez Chupp) Nappanee
a daughter JO ANNA, September 11

Milroy, Indiana

SCHMIDT, John (Susan Wickey)
a son NATHAN, September 12

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Daniel (Lizzie Ann Otto) Topeka R1
a son DAVID D.., August 25
EASH, Willis (Susie Kurtz) Topeka R2
a daughter MARLENE KAY, September 6
HELMUTH, Eli L, (Mary Ellen Schwartz) Wolcottville R2, a daughter ROSANNA KAY, August 22
HOCHSTEDLER, Lester (Clara Miller) Wolcottville
R2, a daughter ELSIE MAE, September 15
HOCHSTEDLER, Levi (Katie Raber) Topeka R2
a son HARLEY L.., August 21
LAMBRIGHT, Samuel J.. (Anna Mullet) Shipshewana R1
twins VERNON & VERA, September 13
MAST, Mervin (Anna Miller) LaGrange R4
a son LEON, . September 2
MAST, Samuel, Jr. (Gertie Miller) Millersburg R1
a daughter LEANNA, September 13
MILLER, Levi (Dorothy Yoder) Wolcottville R2
a daughter RUTH ANN, September 20
MILLER, Orla (Vera Mullet) Topeka R2
a son MARVIN LEE, September 10
MULLET, Ervin (Arlene Bontrager) Topeka R2
a daughter RUBY E.., September 15
SCHROCK, Harley A. (Susie Hochstedler) LaGrange R4
a son DANIEL, September 17
WENGERD, Andrew J.. (Lydia Mae Miller) LaGrange
R4, a daughter BARBARA A.., September 5
YODER, Jerry, Jr. (Edna Bontrager) LaGrange R4
a son MAHLON J.., September 14

Arthur, Illinois

KAUFMAN, Dannie (Edna Mae Schrock)
a daughter BETTY, in August
KAUFMAN, Floyd (Lizzian Miller)
a son, September 5
LEE, Lester (Mary Ellen Kaufman)
a daughter BERTHA, September 7
MAST, Ervin (Edith Yoder)
a daughter ILENE, September 28
MILLER, Dennis R. (Mary Ellen Bontrager)
a daughter LINDA, September 2
MILLER, Elva (Edith Otto)
a son DANIEL RAY, September 2
YODER, Lester (Marie J. Miller)
a son MARVIN, September 29

Guthrie, Kentucky

LAMBRIGHT, Richard (Ada Miller)
a daughter RUTH ANN, September 25

Audrain County, Missouri

BORNTREGER, Samuel M.. (Fannie Bontrager) Clark
a daughter MARY, September 10
GINGERICH, Sameul E. (Lizzie Bontrager) Clark
a son JACOB, September 25
PETERSHEIM, Jacob, Jr . (Alice Yoder) Clark
a son DAVID, September 29

Jamesport, Missouri

MILLER, Wyman L.. (Barbara Swartz)
a son SAMUEL, September 1
SCHROCK, Leroy (Sarah Ellen Garver)
a son LEROY, JR., September 6

Marshfield, Missouri

EICHER, Joseph J.(Millie Stoltzfus)
a son ISAIAH, September 5

Buchanan County, Iowa

BEECHY, John D.(Fanny Kurtz) Hazleton
a son SAMUEL, September 9
BONTRAGER, Floyd (Lizzie Kauffman) Fairbank
a son, September 8
MULLET, Emanuel (Mattie Nisley) Fairbank
a son JOHN, September 4
YODER, Joe, Jr. (Ella Schmucker) Hazleton
a daughter MARY ANN, August 23
YODER, Samuel J. and wife, Hazleton
a son WILLIAM, August 29

Wilton, Wisconsin

HOCHSTETLER, Willie (Katie Ann Borntreger) Wilton R1, a daughter BARBARA EDNA, August 3

Blair, Wisconsin

MILLER, Moses (Elizabeth Hochstetler)
a son LAVERN, September 16

Wadena, Minnesota

SCHROCK, William, Jr.(Edna Lambright)
a son ALVIN, September 9

Milverton, Ontario, Canada

KUEPFER, Reuben (Catherine Albrecht) Millbank R1
a daughter MARILYN, September 10

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

KAUFFMAN, Menno J..(Mattie Stutzman)
a daughter KATIE, September 11
MILLER, John L.(Linda Petersheim)
a son DAVID, September 4

Johnson County, Iowa

BONTRAGER, Melvin (Marie Shetler)
a daughter, September 1
MAST, Lloyd (Vesta Yoder)
a daughter ESTHER, September 16
MILLER, Raymond (Mary Riegsegger)
a son KEVIN RAY, September 20
MILLER, William (Mattie Bontrager)
a son ALTON RAY, September 25
ROPP, Wilbur (Verna Helmuth)
a son DAVID, August 30

Milton, Iowa

BYLER, Mr. and Mrs. Neal
a daughter ESTHER, September 28
MAST, Mr. and Mrs. Mose
a son, September 29
SCHMUCKER, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert
a daughter ROSETTA, September 20

Norwich, Ontario

YODER, Andy (Lizzie Miller)
a son, September 29

OHIO MAN INJURED HEAD IN FALL

Eli Miller of Utica, Ohio fell from the mixer while grinding feed. He was taken to the hospital and had some stitches put in his head. He also had a severe head bruise, was in the hospital two days.

ORDINATIONS

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Crist Swarey, 30, was ordained minister in Upper Middle Emanuel K. Peachey District. He is a son of Rebecca (Zook) and the late David C. Swarey. With him in the lot were Louis Peachey, John R. Peachey, Eli Wengerd and Ezra Swarey.

Holmes County, Ohio

Andy E. Yoder, 28, Millersburg R5, was ordained minister in the Dan Schlabach District, Sept. 29, by Bishop Jacob Mast.

Wayne County, Ohio

Calvin J. Schlabach, 47, Dundee R1, was ordained deacon, Sept. 28. His wife, Nettie, is a daughter of Lester Millers.

TWISTER HITS MIFFLIN CO., PA.

A storm, or twister, hit the Ezra Swarey farm on Sept. 13th. Some barn roof was torn off and the roller doors blown in so that they were unable to open them. The new implement shed they had built this summer was demolished, looked like it had been picked up and twisted. Most of the pieces were blown across the lane into the neighbor's corn field. Some pieces were carried 200 feet. Quite a number of trees were blown down. One tree had all the apples off, they picked up four bushels. Friends and neighbors helped to fix the roof and gather up the debris the next day.

NORWICH, ONT. BOY FELL FROM SILO

Mose, 9-year-old son of Jonas J. Miller's Jr. of Norwich R1, fell about 17 feet when coming down the outside ladder of the silo. He landed on the silo filler then slid to the ground. He suffered a dislocated jaw, and had his jaw bone chipped and teeth knocked out. There was a deep cut in the hip. He was taken by ambulance to Tillsonburg Hospital and transferred to University Hospital in London where he was in satisfactory condition at last reports.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Centre County, Pa.

Our church was divided on September 29th. This settlement was started 7½ years ago with seven families. There are now 36 families and close to 160 children. They took a north-south line making a west and an east district. Bishop Jacob Stoltzfus and Pre. Elam Beiler are in West District, and Pre. Henry Beiler and Dea. Levi Beiler are in East District.

On September 14th when Christ K. Stoltzfus of Spring Mills came home after being at his parents for the afternoon, he wanted to start the tractor with a hand crank, the tractor kicked and broke his right arm just above the wrist. It was a rather bad break and will probably take some time to heal.

On September 8th while the Christ, Melvin, and Reuben Fisher families were spending the day together at a cabin, Samuel, age 3, son of Reuben Fishers, was bitten by a Labrador Retriever that they had along. He had part of his scalp torn back a good way and it took about 150 stitches to sew it up. He was in the hospital for one week, and was nearly recovered by the end of the month.

OBITUARIES

FARMWALD, Sam A., 61, of Geauga Co., Ohio

died Sept. 11 at the age of 61 yr., 1 mo., 11 days. He was born Aug. 1, 1913. Sam had been working till just a month before his death, having had chest pains before but did not go to a doctor till he had a heart attack, then seemed to be recovering again till he started getting one attack after another. He suffered much pain but endured it all patiently. He was married to Katie J. Schmucker Nov. 26, 1937. To this union were born four daughters and two sons, Wm., Mrs. Martin (Mae) Shrock, and Mrs. Freeman (Betty) Miller, all of Middlefield, Jonas and Maryann of the home, and Mrs. John E. (Shirley) Miller of Florida.

Funeral services were largely attended, preaching by Bishop Dan Gingerich, Bishop Eli E. Troyer, Pre. Roman E. Troyer and Bishop Harvey Kempf.

HILTY, Jonas E. and Peter E. of Geneva, Indiana

six-month-old twin sons of Joni and Emma (Graber) Hilty, were killed in a car-buggy crash Sept. 16th (see front page). Surviving are the parents, and grandparents, Mrs. Pete Hilty and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Graber.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19 at the Amos Hilty home. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

KING, Infant, Oxford R1, Pennsylvania

son of Samuel S. and Mary S. (Allgyer) King, was born Friday morning and died afternoon of Sept. 6th at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Surviving in addition to his parents are one sister and two brothers; Sarah, John and Daniel, all at home; the paternal grandparents, Daniel K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King of Quarryville R3; the maternal grandparents, John M. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Bird-in-Hand R1; paternal great-grandparents, John E. and Rebecca Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, and Anna King, Paradise R1; and maternal great-grandparents, David and Susie Allgyer, Witmer, Pa.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7 by Bishop Samuel Kauffman; hymn "Ich war ein kleines kindlein" read by Dea. Bennie Stoltzfus; hymn "Gott lob, die stund ist kommen" read at graveyard by Dannie S. Stoltzfus; burial in Fisher's Cemetery.

LAPP, Benjamin S., 78, Leola R1, Pa.

died in his home Saturday, Sept. 21, at 9:35 p.m. after a lengthy illness. His wife, Lydia (King) Lapp, died in May 1970. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Samuel and Katie (Stoltzfus) Lapp. He is survived by seven sons and daughters: John K. Lapp, Kinzers R1; Katie, wife of Jonas F. Beiler, Ronks R1; Rebecca, wife of Emanuel F. King, Fannie, wife of Isaac S. Fisher, and Lydia, wife of Amos M. King, all of Gordonville R1; Amos Lapp, Leola R1, and Elizabeth, wife of Daniel L. Fisher, Ronks R1; 52 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; a sister, Annie, wife of John F. Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1; a brother, John S. Lapp, Leola R1; and four half-sisters: Sarah, wife of Stephen U. Fisher, Strasburg R1; Katie, wife of Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Priscilla, wife of John E. Stoltzfus, and Rebecca, wife of Levi E. King, all of Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Aaron Esh and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus; burial was in Myers Cemetery.

LAPP, Elizabeth, 64, Ronks R1, Pa.

died at Lancaster General Hospital at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, after a brief illness. She was the wife of Gideon B. Lapp. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late John L. and Susanna (King) Fisher. Besides her husband she is survived by these shildren: Miss Susie Lapp, John L., Emanuel L., Gideon F., Miss Lydia Lapp, and Daniel, all at home; Amos S., Strasburg R1; Benjamin F., Ronks R1; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel B. Fisher, Paradise R1; Anna, wife of Paul B. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1; and Sarah, wife of John Petersheim, Christiana R1; 23 grandchildren; and these brothers and sisters: Levi J. Fisher and Emanuel R. Fisher, both of Bird-in-Hand R1, Amos L. Fisher and Susie, wife of Daniel S. Esh, Gordonville R1, Lavina, wife of Amos Huyard, New Holland R1, and a half-brother, John K. Fisher, Kinzers R1.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 28, at 12 noon; short services in the house by Pre. Joseph S. Fisher, hymn read by Dea. Bennie Beiler; in the barn by Pre. Moses K. Blank and Bishop John M. Beiler, hymn by Dea. Aaron J. Glick; burial in Gordonville Cemetery; abscheid by Bishop Joel K. Zook. Pall bearers were four nephews.

MAST, Eli A., 75, Shipshewana R1, Indiana

died Wednesday, Sept. 4, at his home. He was born in Mississippi on May 21, 1899, and lived in LaGrange County since 1936, moving from Arthur, Ill. He was married on Sept. 20, 1923, to Lovina Hershberger, who survives. Also surviving are six sons, Andy of Topeka, Jerry and Melvin of Middlebury, John and Eli Jr. of Goshen, and Levi of Millersburg; four daughters, Mrs. Urie (Lucy) Gingerich of Shipshewana, Mrs. Ray (Edna) Miller of Topeka, Mrs. Roman (Fannie) Yoder of Middlebury, and Mrs. Christ (Lizzie) Miller of White Pigeon, Mich.; 28 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Millie) Gingerich of Arcola, Ill., and Mrs. Noah (Tillie) Hershberger of Humbolt, Ill., and two brothers, Tobe of Arthur, Ill., and John of London, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Roman Hochstetler residence by Bishop John Troyer. Burial was in the East Barren Cemetery.

MAST, Infant, Middlebury R1, Indiana

daughter of Ervin S. and Ruby (Wingard) Mast, was stillborn at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, in the LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving with the parents are one brother, one sister, and the grandparents, Samuel Mast of Middlebury and Nora Wingard of Shipshewana.

Graveside services were held Friday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. in the Naylor Cemetery by Bishop Felty Yoder.

MILLER, Dea. David J., 96, Hutchinson, Kansas

died Sept. 15 at the age of 96 yr. and 6 months. He was born in Holmes Co., Ohio March 16, 1878 to Jeremiah and Fannie Miller and came to Kansas at age 15 with his parents in 1893. He was married to Mary Yutzy Dec. 27, 1900; she died May 25, 1950. There were five sons and two daughters born to this union: Levi, Dan, and Andrew of Sarasota, Florida; John of Hutchinson RD died in 1966 as a result of a construction accident; Mrs. Roman (Fannie) Kaufman, and David M., both of Hutchinson R1; and Mrs. Alvin (Mary) Helmuth of Grove City, Minn.; 41 grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

He was ordained a deacon at the age of 37 years, and was a widower for more than 24 years. During this time he was largely able to care for himself until the last two years of his life. He coped with his loneliness by keeping physically active, and by reading the Scriptures. The last time that he was able to attend church services was about a year ago when a deacon was ordained in his place. He frequently expressed his desire to be relieved of his ailing body.

MILLER, Sarah, 96, of Medford, Wisconsin

died Sept. 21 at the home of her daughter, the Joe J. Schrocks, at the age of 96 yr., 1 mo., 17 days. She was born Aug. 3, 1878, and was married to William Miller who died in March of 1952. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Joe J. (Rosa) Schrock of Medford, Wis. and Mrs. David J. (Edna) Schrock of Dover, Del.; two sons, Joe, married to Anna Miller, of Indiana and William, married to Millie Bontrager, of Milton, Iowa. A daughter, Mrs. Ed. A. (Elizabeth) Bontrager, and a son preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday, Sept. 23, by Pre. Joe H. Miller and Bishop John H. Miller; across the road in Monroe Miller's house by Pre. Jonas V. Borntrager and Pre. Jonas E. Helmuth of Iowa.

MULLET, Jonas N., 81, of Goshen, Indiana

died Thursday, Sept. 19. He was born Dec. 10, 1892, the son of Noah B. and Barbara (Yoder) Mullet. He lived in Goshen since 1936. His first wife, Sarah Schrock, whom he married Dec. 10, 1914, died in 1921. He married Mary Ann Yoder, Aug. 11, 1921; she died May 6, 1957. Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Joe Yoder, Middlebury, Mrs. William Yoder, Jamesport, Mo., Ida Mullet and Mrs. Devon Metzler, Goshen, Mrs. George Ciot, Wald Lake, Mich., and Mrs. Harley Miller, Yoder, Kan.; three sons, Noah J. Mullet, Enos L. Mullet and Ervin J. Mullet, Goshen; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; one borther, Enos N. Mullet of Shipshewana, and three sisters, Mrs. Sovilla Troyer, Pryor, Okla., Mrs. Clarence Miller, Kalona, Iowa, and Mrs. Albert Kuhns, of Nappanee, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the Henry A. Yoder residence, by Bishop Perry Nisley, Bishop David Bontrager, and Pre. Henry A. Yoder. Burial was in the Nisley Cemetery.

SHROCK, John H., 83, of Geauga Co., Ohio

died Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the home of his daughter, the Jake E. Bylers. He was married to Fannie Yoder who preceded him in death nine years ago. Surviving are these sons and daughters: Henry, married to Katie Miller, Burton, Ohio; Enos of Middlefield; John Jr., married to Emma Wengerd, Middlefield; Mrs. Jake C. (Sarah) Byler of the home and Mrs. Rudy A. (Emma) Miller of Burton, Ohio.

Funeral services were held in the house by Bishop Andy Mast of Holmesville, Ohio and Pre. John J. Miller, and in the shed by Bishop Dan P. Shrock of Holmes County and Bishop Jonas N. Hershberger of the home church.

SWARTZENTRUBER, Levi S., 79, of Wayne Co., O.

died at his home Sept. 12, after a long illness of a stroke, at the age of 79 yr., 3 mo., 20 days. He was the son of Simon D. and Catherine (Ley) Swartzentruber, born in Holmes County May 22, 1895. He was a deacon and was married Jan. 1, 1920 to Emma J. Nisley, who died Feb. 14, 1967. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Sam (Mary) Miller of R2 Fredericksburg and Mrs. Andy (Ella) Weaver of Smicksburg, Pa.; two sons, Raymond and Atlee, both of R2 Fredericksburg; 50 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mary Wengerd of Sarasota, Fla.; seven brothers, Ammon and Enos of Millersburg, Andy, Dan and Joe, all of Fredericksburg, Albert of Holmesville, and Emanuel of Iowa City, Iowa. His parents, a brother, two sisters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren died previously.

Funeral services were held at the home by Sol Weaver Sunday, September 15th.

YODER, Mahlon, 10 days, Danville, Ohio

son of Enos D. and Lena (Troyer) Yoder of Butler, Ohio, was born June 21st, lived only ten days. He was born with a rare heart disease and other complications. Funeral services were held July 2nd.

ZOOK, Samuel S., age 3, of Kinzers R1, Pa.

died Wednesday evening, Sept. 4, at his home. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Salisbury Twp., he was a son of Henry F. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Zook. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, John S. and Stephen L., and a sister, Emma S., at home; his paternal grandparents, Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Zook, Christiana R1, and his maternal grandparents, Stephen L. and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 6, at 12 noon; short services at the house by Stephen Fisher, hymn read by Elam Zook; services in the barn by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus and Bishop Henry S. Fisher; hymn read by Pre. Levi S. Fisher; hymn at graveyard read by Dea. John K. Lapp; abschied by Bishop Enos Beiler; burial was at Gordonville Cemetery.

OHIO MAN CUTS WRIST

Eli D. Mast was opening a bundle of lumber with his hammer when the wire smapped back cutting the main artery in his wrist. He was unable to use his hand for six to eight weeks.

MARRIAGES

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Zook – Widower John L. Stoltzfus, Strasburg R1, to Fannie, daughter of Isaac B. and the late Mary (King) Zook, Christiana R1, Sept. 19, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Marner, Fehr – David, son of Leroy and Ruth Marner, Springboro, to Eva, daughter of Isaak and Anna Fehr, Conneautville, Aug. 22, by Dan Gingerich of Plain City, Ohio.

Geauga County, Ohio

Miller, Detweiler – Raymond, son of Pre. Dan J. P. and Martha (Miller) Miller, to Barbara, daughter of Noah J. and Fannie (Shrock) Detweiler, Sept. 10.

Detweiler, Miller – Sam, son of Dan G. and Lydia (Glick) Detweiler, to Susie, daughter of Jonas J. and Susie (Kuhns) Miller, Sept. 12.

Troyer, Hostetler – Chester, son of Pre. Albert M. and Katie (Mast) Troyer, to Esther, daughter of Dan M. and Emma (Gingerich) Hostetler, Sept. 12, by Bishop Melvin V. Miller.

Miller, Miller – Robert, son of Albert D. and Lizzieann (Miller) Miller, to Esther, daughter of Dan K. Millers, Sept. 17.

Byler, Troyer – Eli, son of Pre. John E. and Mary (Miller) Byler of Spartansburg, Pa., to Alta, daughter of Eli E. D. Troyers, Sept. 26.

Miller, Shrock – Crist, son of John J. M. and Susie (Miller) Miller, to a daughter of Dan M. and Emma(Byler) Shrock, Sept. 26.

Miller, Troyer – Andy, son of Andy D. C. Millers, to Dorothy, daughter of Eli E. D. Troyers, Oct. 3.

Holmes County, Ohio

Weaver, Gingerich – Paul, son of Raymond S. and Lizzie Ann (Mast) Weaver, to Orpha, daughter of Anna Mae (Troyer) and the late Mahlon N. Gingerich, Sept. 14, by Bishop Abe J. Hochstetler.

Wayne County, Ohio

Miller, Hershberger – Aaron, son of Ammon J. and Lydia Miller, to Clara, daughter of Ammon J. and Fannie Hershbergerm Sept. 12.

Miller, Mast – Mose Jr., son of Mose P. and Amanda Miller, to Susie, daughter of the late Pre. Dan D. and Sarah Mast, Sept. 19, by Bishop Crist M. Miller of Oklahoma.

Miller, Miller – Paul, son of Jonas M. and Mattie Miller, to Anna, daughter of Emanuel A. and Lydiann Miller, Sept. 19.

Hershberger, Schlabach – Andy Jr., son of Andy E. and Elizabeth Hershberger, to Betty, daughter of Dan E. and Fannie Schlabach, Sept. 19.

Miller, Yoder – William, son of Bishop Henry J. and Esther Miller, to Laura, daughter of Dea. Dan J. and Ida Yoder, Sept. 26.

Camden, Michigan

Graber, Eicher – Louis Jr., son of Louis Graber, to Martha, daughter of Henry Eicher, Sept. 26.

Allen County, Indiana

Zehr, Graber – Joseph, son of Jacob and Marian (Lengacher) Zehr, to Ida, daughter of Raymond and Amanda (Schmucker) Graber, Sept. 5, by Bishop Victor Graber Jr.

Adams, County, Indiana

Eicher, Schwartz – Dan A. J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Eicher, Geneva R2, to Becky H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schwartz, Geneva R2, Sept. 5.

Shetler, Hilty – Mel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shetler, Berne R1, to Marie C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ K. Hilty, Berne R1, Sept. 26.

Girod, Schwartz – Mark J., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Girod, Berne R2, to Annie E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ R. Schwartz, Monroe R1, Sept. 27.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Miller, Miller – Vernon M., son of Bishop Milo J. K. and the late Barbara (Beechy) Miller, Goshen R4, to Betty, daughter of Alvin J. and Polly (Gingerich) Miller, Millersburg R1, Sept. 5.

Yutzy, Graber – Noah, son of Jonas F. and Susie (Borkholder) Yutzy, Nappanee, to LeAnna, daughter of Simon and Susie (Beachy) Graber, Middlebury R3, Sept. 26.

Hochstetler, Miller – Albert Jay, son of Dan A. and Katie (Eash) Hochstetler, Topeka R2, to Esther, daughter of David J. R. and Mattie (Hershberger) Miller, Middlebury R1, Sept. 26.

Borkholder, Yoder – Marvin, son of Harvey Borkholder of Michigan, to Mary Esther, daughter of Ammon C. and Barbara (Hochstetler) Yoder, Goshen R4, Sept. 29.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Lehman – Joseph, son of John and Ada (Miller) Bontrager, to Fannie Mae, daughter of Elva and Ida Mae (Miller) Lehman, Sept. 5.

Lambright, Miller – Mervin, son of Harvey and Nettie (Hostetler) Lambright, to Susie Mae, daughter of Urias U. and Buelah (Miller) Miller, Sept. 12.

Eash, Hochstedler – Ora Jay, son of Eli and Polly (Miller) Eash, to Irene, daughter of Ervin D. and Sarah (Miller) Hochstedler, in September.

Bontrager, Schrock – Amos, son of Bishop Ervin R. and Wilma (Miller) Bontrager, to Nora, daughter of Levi S. and Ida Mae (Wingard) Schrock, Sept. 19.

Troyer, Lehman – Howard, son of Orla and Edna (Yoder) Troyer, to Barbara, daughter of Dan A. and Ida Mae (Hershberger) Lehman, Sept. 24.

Mullet, Yoder – Herman, son of Enos H. and Mary (Hochstetler) Mullet, to Elsie, daughter of the late Amos J. and Katie (Hochstetler) Yoder, Sept. 26.

Miller, Yoder – Ernest, son of Albert and Lydia Ann (Lambright) Miller, to Erma Arlene, daughter of Ira A. and Ella (Schrock) Yoder.

Nappanee, Indiana

Schwartz, Burkholder – Earnest, son of John and Edna (Slabaugh) Schwartz, to Betty, daughter of Floyd and Clara (Bontrager) Burkholder, Sept. 26, by Bishop Emery Yoder.

Arthur, Illinois

Beachey, Miller – Fredie, son of Jake and Appie (Schlabaugh) Beachey of Bloomfield, Iowa, to Verna, daughter of Alvin and Anna Miller, Sept. 26.

Burkholder, Gingerich – Mervin, son of Roman and Bertha (Miller) Burkholder, to Wilma, daughter of Abe and Sarah (Mast) Gingerich, Sept. 26.

Reno County, Kansas

Bontrager, Keim – Jonas R., son of Rudy and Lizzie (Fry) Bontrager, Haven, to Irene, daughter of Enos and Clara (Knepp) Keim, Haven, Sept. 5.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Raber, Yoder – Andy, son of Christ Rabers, to Frieda, daughter of Pre. David Yoders of Fairbank, Sept. 5, by Bishop John Schlabach of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Kauffman, Miller – Henry, son of Andy Kauffman, to Lovina, daughter of Ora Millers of Independence, by Bishop Simeon Hostetler of Jamesport, Mo.

Johnson County, Iowa

Schlabach, Miller – Edward, son of Jacob and Viola Schlabach, to Ida, daughter of Min. Clifford and Annie Miller, Sept. 5, by Bishop Elmer T. Miller.

Bontrager, Miller – Neal, son of Alton and Katie Bontrager, to Anna Marie, daughter of Eddie and Dorothy Miller, Sept. 12, by Bishop Glen Bender.

Yoder, Yoder – Cephas, son of Chris and Eldora Yoder, to Emma, daughter of John and Lena Yoder, Sept. 19.

Yoder, Hochstedler – Dennis, son of John and Lena Yoder, to Judy, daughter of Sylvan and Ollie Hochstedler, by Bishop Elmer T. Miller.

ALLEN CO., IND. ACCIDENT

Joseph Graber of Spencerville R1, Ind. was away from home, looking about horses, when he got kicked and broke his leg around the knee. He had to have an operation to have a pin put in and was having quite a lot of pain.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Orwell, Ohio

Jake E. Byler was in the hospital one day near six weeks. He had a collapsed lung and didn't have any feelings in his arms and hands for about four weeks. He can use his arms again but his hands are still useless.

CASHTON, WIS. ACCIDENT

John, 11, son of Gid Millers, broke his right arm the second time at the same place eight weeks after it was broken the first time. He wanted to jump from a wagon, was pushed and landed on his hands.

OHIO MAN BREAKS LEG

Elmer H. Yoder of Greenwich R2, Ohio, had the misfortune of breaking his leg while plowing in one of his back fields. It was about three hours till he was discovered by his wife, who heard him calling while going after cows. She is Mary Ann, daughter of Wm. and Laura Keim. They have five children.

BRONSON, MICHIGAN NOTES – by Ora A. Graber

Susan, daughter of Jacob Brandenburger, has been at the Angola Hospital a few days with a broken shoulder blade from a pony accident.

To report on my condition: I'm still not able to work, can move around some with crutches but am too weak to walk any distance. I still have much pressure in my legs and head. I was returned to the hospital after a month at home, and given more medication for Lockjaw, which gave me some relief again. But what is poisoning my system has as yet not been diagnosed. Three doctors have examined me again at the hospital and are still confused about the condition.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Audrain Co., Missouri

Ezra, 19, son of Felty and Fannie Miller, was kicked in the abdomen by a colt, Sept. 16, while looking after them in a pasture several miles from home. He was knocked out for a while but finally got to the buggy and went home. He was taken to the hospital and stayed twenty four hours then was released. On the 22nd he was taken back by ambulance and will have to stay 15 days. His kidney was injured pretty badly.

Noah Jr., 18, and Eli, 15, sons of Noah and Lydia Gingerich were starting down a hill with team and wagon, Sept. 21, when the neck yoke hold let loose and the team got out of control. At the foot of the hill the wagon turned over, down a six foot bank, pinching both boys fast. Noah suffered minor bruises. Eli suffered bruises and also had a fractured ankle. It was put in cast and he is coming along satisfactorily.

PENNA. BARN FIRE

Hot hay was blamed for a fire Friday morning, Sept. 27, when the barn on the farm of Lizzie, widow of Jacob King, Honey Brook R1, burned to the ground. The barn was filled with hay, straw, and two thousand lath of tobacco.

MILTON, IOWA ACCIDENTS

Fred Yoders' children met with an accident coming home on Sunday evening when they met two horses and riders which scared their horse, taking them in the ditch, doing minor damage to the buggy. Barbara had 25 stitches in her arm and Eldon had nine in his hand, resulting from broken glass.

Delbert Schmucker cut his finger when his wrench slipped off when taking the lawn mower blade off of the mower. It took eleven stitches to sew it up.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Nappanee, Indiana

Joe S. Miller fell from a house roof, Sept. 12, while doing carpenter work, and broke his right leg just above the ankle. He was in the Elkhart General Hospital till the 29th, where he had a cast put on his leg.

Their son Paul, who was having trouble with Leukemia for over a year, was also in the hospital at the same time but was feeling much better after returning home.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

Weather for September was pleasant, with enough rain to keep the fall seedbed in good condition. Total rainfall for the month was 4.9 inches, yet enough drying weather that a lot of late hay was put up. Fourth crop alfalfa was as heavy as third crop; also very abundant growth in clover. Some are cutting the second time since grain was harvested. A lot of clover seed was hulled, with good yields. Clover seed price is nearing the $100 bu. mark. Temperature was moderate with cool nights and some foggy mornings. High for the month was 82 on the 29th, and low was 34 on the 24th with a light frost but no damage. Feed and grain prices are staying up, with new corn at $3 50 bu. and soybeans $7.50. Beef and pork are still down, but pigs are starting to pick up.

St. Mary's Co, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had 4 in. rain the first week in September, and 2 in. on the 29th, 6½ in. total for the month. It was rather dry the last two weeks. We had a light frost at 37 on the 24th. Corn harvest and late hay-making are the main field jobs, plus discing and seeding. Some are getting second crop off new clover fields. Corn made a good crop this year.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Bareville area was 5 inches. First killing frost was the 25th with temperatures of from 28 – 32 degrees.

Market Report: Prime Fat Cattle, $45 to 48.75 Cwt.; Feeders, $23 to $35 Cwt.; Veal, $20 to $80 Fat Hogs, 34.50 to 41.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, 30¢ to 50¢ per lb.; Dairy Cows at new Holland, $410 to $900; Leghorn Fowl, 6¢ per lb.; Heavy Fowl, 16¢ lb.; Pullets, 39¢ lb.; Turkey Toms, 35¢ lb.; Large Eggs, 66¢ doz.; Potatoes, $2 to 4.00 Cwt.; Ear Corn, $108 to $123 Ton, 3.70 Bu.; Wheat, 3.90 Bu.; Barley, 2.25 Bu.; Oats, 1.70 Bu.; Straw, $40 to $45 Ton; Hay, $30 to $77 Ton;

By Ammon F. Fisher

September started in wet and cold. The first two weeks were mostly cloudy and cool, not too good for hay making or tobacco cutting. The 24th we had our first killing frost with 30 degree temperature. Total rainfall was 5.7 inches. The last few days felt like Fall was just around the corner with October winds.

By Elam S. Beiler

A few farmers started picking corn by hand, no machine picking was done as corn was still plenty green to crib. All corn was ready for our first frost on the 22nd except late planted corn that will be used to refill silos. Silos were filled the middle of the month, except for refilling. It took less acreage to fill silos as corn was a very good crop. Tobacco cutting was mostly done by the 14th although there was still some out that was frozen. It was a heavy crop and some will be shed burnt. Fourth cutting alfalfa was mowed and some were even cutting new grass fields (old wheat fields) the second time as we had good growing weather. Rye and barley are being sowed and wheat fields being prepared. Newly sowed alfalfa got started very well. Tomatoes were a very good crop and price held up late in season. Wild geese were heading south.

Bradford County, Pa., by Clemens Nissley

The weather for August was on the dry side the first part of month, a few good showers around the middle, and last week cloudy and damp with occasional showers which stopped threshing. Oats yield as high as 70 bu. per acre.

September was mild with thunder showers on the 12th and 13th. Good growing weather helped corn and grass. We had our first killing frost on the 24th at 23 degrees. A lot of corn is soft yet. Farmers are busy filling silos.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

September rainfall was 7.7 inches, which should put plenty of moisture in the ground for the winter. First frost was on the 24th. Some people still had tobacco out, and silo filling had just started when frost hit. Only about a week in September that we had enough drying weather to make hay.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

September first brought .7 in. rain, the 3rd we had 1½ in. and more showers throughout the month, which made the whole countryside green again. Farmers again had pasture for their livestock. We had 32 degrees the morning of the 24th with a hard frost. Farmers were filling silo and sowing barley and wheat. Some fields were getting green. Corn was being picked.

Franklin County, Pennsylvania, by Jacob E. Flaud

The early part of September we had some warm weather and showers which gave the late corn a boost. Then on the 24th and 25th we had heavy frost. Silo filling is about finished. Leaves are starting to change color. Farmers are busy getting seed ground ready. Some have hay to make yet.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Z. Beiler

We had about normal weather this month, not much rainfall. Silo filling isn't quite finished yet. Corn is ripening fast; some are picking this last week. We had heavy frost the 24th, the first this fall. Blustery fall weather the last few days.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by D.Y. Renno

Weather during September was mostly wet and cool. Total rainfall was 6.78", which is 3" above normal. We had only one frost, a hard one on the 24th, but corn did not freeze as we had fog with it. Most of the month it was so cloudy and damp that very little hay was made.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had a lot of nice weather in September, with ground in good shape to fill silo, etc. It turned cool toward end of month with a killing frost on the 24th, down to 27 degrees, and colder some places. Corn is a good crop, also potatoes, but the price is down. Tomatoes were a fair crop and cannery was still receiving a lot of tomatoes after the frost. Corn is selling for $100 per ton; beef, hogs, etc. are down; baler twine sells for $25 to $35 per bale; barb wire, $35 per roll.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania, by Sam M. Troyer

It has been a very nice month weather-wise. We had 5 inches rain; and a killing frost on the 24th. These hills ought to look pretty in a few days. We have been picking apples. The apple crop is somewhat short, and they bruise easily this year. Corn is nice and was mostly ready for frost.

Mifflin County, Penna, by Catherine Swarey

September started in cloudy and rainy, many foggy mornings, 1.7 in. of rainfall. It seemed cooler than Most years in September. We had a hard killing frost Sept. 24. Katy-dids are still heard, wild geese were flying. Still some wheat to sow. Most silos are filled. Some people are starting to husk corn. A lot of hay was put in, but it was a little hard to get it dry with the foggy mornings.

Oakland, Maryland, by Mrs. Atlee J. Hershberger

September has been wet and cool, our first killing frost Sept. 24. We had plenty of moisture all summer and mowed our lawn every week so far. Most apples were plentiful. Can lids have not been on store shelves for some time. City folks have been buying more vegetables to can than usual. High food prices are probably the reason more are canning.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather in September has been cool and rainy, 3 to 4 in. rain, also some warmer days. A heavy frost and 25 degrees on the 24th. Everything froze except hardy flowers, and winter vegetables such as cabbage and celery, etc. Silo filling is going full swing since.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

September was damp with about 3.5 inches of rain, not very many clear days. A killing frost the 24th with temperature at 30 degrees. Some corn on higher ground is not frozen. Silo filling is nearly done except refilling. Some second crop hay was put in silos due to wet weather.

Crawford Co. (Conneautville), Pa., by Menno E. Fisher

It was wet the first week in September, then very nice till the last few days, which were cold and rainy. September 23 we had a light frost, the next morning killing frost. It killed most of garden things. Corn in fields is brown and a lot is not mature. Some silos are filled, and fields are getting muddy.

Crawford Co. (Guys Mills), Pa., by Melvin D. Byler

The weather for September has been nice. Quite a bit of rain the first part, which delayed thrashing. We had two heavy frosts; the first on 23rd at 30, and another on the 24th at 28. This took care of all crops and gardens through this area. A lot of corn needed at least a week or two yet to ripen. Some was planted fairly early, but it was slow in matuting with so much cool weather, especially the cool nights with temp. at 45. The early corn is a fairly good crop, even though it was damaged quite heavily by hail in June. Late oats turned out to be a fair crop, ranging from 55 to 70 bu. per acre. A lot of the frost damaged corn is being put in the silos, those who have room. Corn that was planted in the middle of June was far enough along not to be affected by the frost.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary Yoder

September had warm days and cool nights, with plenty of rain. Men are still making third cutting hay and started to fill silo. We had our first killing frost Sept. 23 with temperature at 28.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

We had a very short growing season with only 130 days between spring frost and our first fall frost. The average is 150; last year we had 170. Grain prices have been going up since the frost, with hog and cattle prices not following like they should. This is discouraging the big hog and cattle farmers. Silo filling is mostly done, although it took quite a bit more acreage to fill silo since the corn was so short and thin due to the dry spell earlier. Total rainfall was 3 inches in September.

Danville, Ohio, by Mrs. Tobe Hostetler

We had very nice thrashing weather this year. Later we had plenty of rain. Men are trying to get silo filling finished since the frost we had Sept. 22nd and 23rd. Ora Miller put up a new 12 X 34 silo with the help of some of the men in the community. We had plenty of vegetables from our gardens and apples are plentiful.

Utica, Ohio, by Melvin E. Hershberger

September was quite a bit colder at nights but warmed up in the daytime; had a lot of heavy fog in the mornings; had a hard frost on the mornings of the 23rd and 24th. The corn really turned yellow in a hurry so silo filling was in swing at the end of the month. Corn prices are still going up; Ear Corn, $3.47 Bu.; Soybeans, $8.06 Bu. Quite a few farmers put in four cuttings of alfalfa hay.

Ashtabula County (Orwell), Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

September was cold and wet. Silo filling isn't making much headway. It was hard to make the last hay and straw as the ground was wet, and it didn't dry. Killing frost Sept. 24 in some places. Some people still have sweet corn to eat. New corn sells for $100 a ton.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

We have had some more rain which came too late to make any difference in the corn crop, but helps wheat sowing. A lot of farmers have their wheat sowed. We had our first frost on Sept. 23, which did a lot of damage in garden. Apples are more plentiful than last year and are selling for $4 a bu. Pears sold for $6 a bu.

Geauga County, Ohio, by Mrs. Jerry E. Byler

We had rain nearly every day for two weeks. The farmers didn't get all their fall seeding done yet, and still silos to be filled. In some fields it was too wet to get in to cut the ensilage. Now there is snow on the ground (October 2)..

By John H. Hershberger

The weather for September has been unusually wet and quite warm. In all we had 14 or 15 days with rain. Much second and third crop hay spoiled in the field. Pastures have been excellent for this time of the year. Fall seeding had been delayed until last week when we had a few sunny days. Much seed went into the ground, but some reported too wet to plow. Sept. 23 we had a harder than usual first frost which nipped a lot of corn and garden vegetables.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

September had occasional rains, cool nights, and warm days. We had two killing frosts, low of 30. Lawns and grass fields look nice and green, like in spring. Some late hay was made, and silo filling is finished. Corn is frozen, but most of it has nice sized ears. Sowing wheat is not quite finished.

Southeastern Holmes, by John L. Yoder

Plenty of moisture in September. Very little wheat was sowed. Silos are about all filled. We had two hard frosts the last week in September. Third cutting hay is a good crop, but weather conditions make it inconvenient to get. Pastures are still looking good.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Borntrager

Silo filling is done. Farmers are ready to sow wheat. Corn husking is just around the corner, and it looks like a good crop. With the rains we had this fall, there is plenty of moisture in the ground. Fall pasture is plentiful. We had lots of vegetables up to the frost. Plenty of apples and grapes.

Western Holmes County, by Monroe A. Weaver

We had real good growing weather in September. We had two fairly hard frosts Sept. 23 and 24. Temperature was 30 and 32. Approximately 75% of the corn is frosted, and about 75% of it was ready for frost. Nothing froze around our house except the tomatoes. Most of the corn looks good in our area. We only had about 2 in. rain in Sept., but a lot of fog. It was a real problem to get third cutting alfalfa hay made. We have the same problem all over, about high grain prices and a very dull feeder pig and cattle market. I think the pigs bought now will make money. Don't get rid of your sows just because everyone else does. Alfalfa brought up to $2.10 a bale at a sale.

Easter Holmes County, by Raymond S. Weaver

We had a good amount of rains during September, weather on the cool side accompanied by much fog in the mornings, typical fall weather. First killing frost was on the 23rd, with repeated frosts on succeeding mornings, possibly some damage to late planted corn. Silo filling was later this year than usual, due to the excellent growing conditions toward the end of the season. The dry weather in July seemingly had slowed growth up some. Most of the wheat here was being sowed during the last week of September and this year we had excellent weather for it.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

September was changeable with warm and cool weather; about 2 in. of rain the last part and cool weather with scattered frosts; a killing frost here on Sunday morning, the 22nd. Lots of corn isn't matured yet so will have to be put in silos. Farmers are busy filling silo, cutting wood, and doing the usual fall work.

Centreville, Michigan, by Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder

It was cold and rainy, down in the 40's.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We had close to 4 inches of rain in September, with a killing frost Sept. 23. The rain came too late to help the fall pasture very much. Most farmers are feeding hay out of barn and chopping corn for cattle.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

September has brought us some nice rains and cooler weather. Some frost on the muck lands, also some spots on the higher ground. The rains were too late for corn and beans, which are a very light crop through here.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had some very nice showers which made everything look fresh and greener again. We had a heavy fog on the 27th, and our first frost on the 24th. The last few days were pretty chilly.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

This was one of the coolest Septembers on record. Rainfall for the month was 4 inches, but most of this came in one big rain on the 12th, with 2.5 inches. High for the month was 85 on the 11th, low 31 on the 23rd. There were 12 clear days. There was one thunder storm.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

September 2 was cool and rainy, then it warmed up somewhat. Sept. 11 rain in afternoon and all night, 1½ inches. Friday the 13th another half inch of rain. The lawns have turned nice and green again. It is very good for the wheat that was sowed. Third week there was silo filling, also canning late peaches, pears, grapes, and tomatoes, which ripen slowly due to cool weather. Sept. 23 a killing frost in spots; rain latter part of the week.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

We have nice fall weather. The first of September it was cool, and we had ¾ in. rain on the second. It was quite cool, in the low 40's a few mornings, then warmed up again. On the eleventh we had the first real soaking all night rain for several months. We had a killing frost on Sept. 23. Much of the corn that survived the drought was not matured, so men are busy filling silos. Factories are again becoming slow as to having orders. Prices are mostly increasing.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

On September 2 we had ½ inch rain, but it didn't last long because the ground was so dry. On the twelfth we had an inch and on the thirteenth 1½ in. and another ½ inch on the 28th. Wheat is about all sowed except for those who want to sow after soybean harvest. A few soybeans have been harvested, with yields about 8 bushels per acre on sandy soil, and around 20 bushels on the heavier soil. Some corn looks fair. Silos are all filled. Hay was a fair crop, but so much has been fed already on account of dry weather and no pasture. Hay is selling for $2 per bale right now. Late potatoes were a very short crop. Our lowest temperature was 34 on Sept. 23, and the high was 86 on the 11th. We had 16 partly cloudy days, 7 cloudy days, and 7 sunny days.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Mrs. Alvin Burkholder

The month of September brought us some much appreciated rain. The lawns are greener than they were during July and August, so mowing grass has started again. Sept. 12th and 13th brought us the most rain with over two inches. The last two weeks were considerably cooler with a light frost on Monday, the 23rd. The temperature hovered around the freezing mark the last several mornings. Farmers are about done with silo filling; lots of plowing is being done. Women folks are about at the end of another canning season with thankful hearts for enough food to fill those hundreds of cans once more. It seems where the summer drought cut us short in some things, we were blessed plentifully in something else, tho the lid shortage affected this too. Just late tomatoes, carrots, and cabbage are in gardens anymore.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

September was cool with an early frost on the 23rd with temperature ranging from 29 tp 34. It was not entirely a killing frost as gardens are still yielding tomatoes, green beans, sweet peppers, etc. We also had showers throughout the month. Soybeans are being combined. Corn suddenly turned brown with a rustling sound.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

We are still having lots of moisture. We had 6½ inches for August. We had 50 inches so far this year. Our average annual rainfall is only 38 to 42 inches. We had 1½ inches on Sept. 1-2, ½ inch the third. On the 10th to 13th we had about 2 inches, an inch on the 21st, and 1¾ in. the 27th and 28th. We had our first frost at 34 on the 23rd, which is unusually early. High for the month was 82 on the 11th. A few have started to harvest corn and soybeans. Some plowing for wheat is being done. It will be too wet to work in the fields for a few days as water is standing in the fields. Fresh food out of the garden is about over with. Trees are turning color.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Dienner

Weather for September was fair, with about 4 in. rainfall. It has been cool most of the time, had the heater turned on a bit several times. The first day of fall, Sept. 23, we had a temperature of near freezing and a heavy frost. Oct. 2 had a temperature of about 2 below freezing which makes the late corn and beans look rather droopy. A few farmers have started harvesting beans and corn, with good yields. Most fields have some water damage and some fields have heavy damage, but crops seem to have highest yield since 1913, which was a dry year.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

Weather remains on the wet side, although corn harvesting is underway. We had around 4 in. rainfall for the month, but it dries off slower now, and the ground was already soaked. Corn yields around 100 bu. or better. Dairymen are still filling silo, with beans and milo, every chance they get. Some early beans are combined. Corn, $3.35; Beans, 8.30.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

September had a lot of cloudy and cool days with occasional showers. The ground is really soaked. Farmers started shelling corn, which is over $3.00 per bushel. Beans are over $8.00 per bushel. Cattle and hogs are 30 some cents per pound.

Reno Co.(Partridge), Kansas, by Edward Mast

September had below normal temperatures. Rainfall was also below normal with most of it coming the first part of the month; however, with many cloudy days and much fog there is no lack of moisture. Ground was in nice shape to plant wheat. It is about 75% planted in this area. Fourth cutting hay was a good crop. Probably enough to loosen the hay market a little. Good alfalfa is selling for $55 per ton. Milo and sorghum fields look good, but are not matured and in danger of frost.

Reno County (Haven), Kansas, by E. E. Schrock

The nice rains in August did wonders to our fall crops. September has been having a lot of damp and cloudy days and cool nights. Barley, wheat, and oats are sown now. Silo filling and alfalfa cutting will be our October jobs. The milo maize needs a lot of sunshine yet to fully ripen before harvest.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntrager

Weather in September was cool with normal rainfall, 2.1 in. throughout the month. The mercury dipped to 41 degrees the 4th, to 39 the 22nd with a light frost, very little damage in our area but had a killing frost less than twenty miles north, damaging late corn and beans. Corn price moved from $3.50 to 3.70 per bushel right after the frost.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

Unusual cool weather during most of September. We had a fair amount of rain, but no real hard storms or gully washers. Some of the bigger farmers are putting up hay yet. They get a fair crop. This makes work for some of us, hauling it into their barns, as that is almost all hired here. Later gardens are slow this fall due to cool weather. We had a little frost Sept. 29. Still some wheat to be sowed.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

Regular fall weather for September. Several nice rains, but not excessive. Lowest temperature was 38. Lots of corn is still green and many silos to fill yet. Sorghum cooking is about ready to start.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

No killing frost so far. 3 to 4 inches rain fell through August, which helped pastures and fields considerably. Only 1 inch rain in September. Ground is quite dry again.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

We had light frosts the beginning of September but no damage, and a killing frost on Sept.22 with temp. at 25. About 2 inches rain for the month. A drizzle rain all day on Sept.28, then colder. The last week of September was silo filling, corn a heavy crop.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert Schmucker

September was cool. We had 2¼ inches rain. High was 80, low 33. Some corn and beans on the bottom were frozen and weren't ready. Hogs are up some, cattle down, especially feeder calves. Corn is $3.60; beans $8.60; milk $5.65; seed wheat $7.50 a bushel.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli .S. Bontrager

We are having nice fall weather. Cool weather is earlier than usual; temperature in the 30's. We had frost on Sept.22. We have had no rain now for about two weeks. Silo filling started Sept. 25. Hay and pastures have been good all summer.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

September was a cool month. We had a killing frost on Sept.22. A lot of corn was just in milk stage, which will affect corn prices again here. Ground is dry. We had a few showers during the month, but no real soaker. We had a lot of blackberries and apples. Potatoes yielded very well, selling from $2.50 to $4.50 per hundred. Calves are up again, also other livestock.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

September was cool and dry. We had ½ inch rain on the 28th, a few showers earlier. We had our first frost Sept. 21, again on the 22nd. Most corn was ready for it, if not it can be put in silos. It was down to 25. It froze garden vegetables that were covered. Lots of farm sales, and prices are up.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L.J. Borntrager

September was rather dry. We had several light showers. We had light frosts the first part of the month. On the 22nd we had a killing frost, and even a thin layer of ice. People are filling silo; most of them are done. Geese are flying south. Trees are turning to their beautiful fall colors.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Amos U. Gingerich

Sept. 3-4 we had light frost, then nice weather with showers now and then. We had good crops this year. Sept.22 we had a hard killing frost that froze the corn. Now the men are busy filling silo. Sept. 23 was a rainy day, and we had one hard bolt of lightning. It hit an oak tree close to the cemetery on Crist J. Schmucker's farm. It split the tree in two, even the root. It threw splinters around 100 feet.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

We had changeable weather in September. On the second we had a frost which froze the field corn considerably. We had occasional showers, but it is getting dry again. We had some very nice, warm days. On Sept.21 we had a hard frost with some ice. Silos are being filled. Lots of corn will not ripen on account of early frost, so there is lots of corn for silage. Cattle prices took a drop.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker, Jr.

September 1 we had our first hard frost. Usually we have a warm spell after a frost, but this year the frosts came right after the other. Silos were filled in a hurry. No rains that kept the men out of the fields for long. September was mostly cold, with even a few snowflakes on the 21st.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock, Sr.

We had a lot of nice weather in September. There was not much rain, just a few light sprinklers. Lots of corn went into the silos. We had a hard frost on Sept.22; it was down to 20, the coldest for the month. Silos are mostly filled, but there is some corn that is not very well matured. Potatoes were a good yield. Price of cattle is down from a year ago, also pigs.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

September started in very cool with light frosts on the second and third, but no apparent damage. This was followed by rain and warmer weather. Around the 15th it turned cooler again, with rainy and sunny intervals. On the 23rd and 24th we had frost again with some damage to upper leaves. Silo filling has started.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

A very beautiful September with a small amount of rainfall. We had a heavy frost on the 22nd and 23rd. Most people are finished threshing. Some have started filling silo. A lot of people are selling their ear corn (that was planted late) for silage. It is selling for $150 an acre. Pasture is very low.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

September had nice fall weather, mostly on the dry side. Sept.22 it was down to 40 and below, then the next two mornings we had frost. Then we had rain and warmer again, up to 70 degrees. Some are still filling silo. Women are trying to finish canning and getting gardens cleaned off.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

The first few days of September were on the cool side. The clear nights threatened frost, but we didn't get any. It soon warmed up again for awhile. The rest of the month was changeable. Our first killing frost came on the 23rd and had several since. There's lots of moisture in the ground from the rains we've been having. Silo filling isn't finished yet. Some ploughing is started.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

September was wet as a whole, we had ten days of rainfall with a total of 5½ inches. Frosts on the 4th, 5th and 24th, not much damage yet in most places. On the 23rd a wet snow fell early in the morning. Silo filling has started with a little threshing to do when it dries off. Fields are soft. Prices are so unbalanced that the big farmers are on the verge of going bankrupt. One man has 1200 head of cattle and another one has 1500 head. Last fall they paid about 65¢ for them and now they must take an average of 40¢ which only leaves them the manure for their efforts.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

September had many cool damp days. Corn was very slow and hay was hard to dry. We received a heavy killing frost on the 23rd and again on the 24th. Some corn was ready and some will possibly dry out enough for cribbing, but quite a bit is too soft yet. On the 28th and 29th we received 1.4 in. of rain. All in all, it's been a more bountiful year than 1973; especially in fruits and the gardens. Tomato growers were hit heavily by the frost with an estimated 25% to 40% of the crop frozen.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

Silo filling is about finished. Potatoes are a pretty good crop, selling at around $4.50 for a 75 lb. bag. Tomatoes were a good crop and also fine quality but our heavy frosts on the 23rd and 24th put an end to that. Some grapes were slow in ripening and it looks like the frost damaged quite a few.

BAPTISMS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Northwest Upper Millcreek – Oregon District
September 22, by Bishop David K. Blank
David, son of Eli and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Amos, son of Daniel and Katie (Smucker) Stoltzfus
Eli, son of Ezra and Katie (Ebersol) Fisher
Bennie, son of Amos and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Daniel, son of Daniel and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick
Stevie, son of Ezra and Katie (Ebersol) Fisher
Barbara, dau. of Daniel and Katie (Smucker) Stoltzfus
Naomi, dau. of Elam and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Glick
Sadie, dau. of Ezra and Katie (Ebersol) Fisher
Susie, dau. of Joseph and Susie (Smucker) Glick
Lavina, dau. of Samuel and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus
Upper Millcreek – Mechanicsburg District
September 22, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus
Fannie, dau. of Chester and Mary (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Fannie, dau. of Abner and Malinda (Glick) Zook
Elizabeth, dau. of Jonas and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King
Mary, dau. of Amos and Miriam (Zook) Zook
Millcreek – Monterey District
September 22, by Bishop Aaron Esh
John, son of Ephraim and Rebecca (Esh) Riehl
David, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Esh
John, son of Benjamin and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Abraham, son of Abraham and Hannah (Smoker) Stoltzfus
South Groffdale District
September 22, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus
Daniel, son of Elias and Fannie (Blank) Beiler
Christ, son of Stephen and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Emanuel, son of Omar and Anna (Blank) Beiler
Katie, dau. of Benjamin and Emma (Blank) King
Lizzie, dau, of Stephen and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Fannie, dau. of Levi and Sarah (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Lower Pequea – South White Horse District
September 15, by Bishop Amos Beiler
Aaron, son of Christ and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Flaud
David, son of Jacob and Annie (Glick) Beiler
Christ, son of Christ and Mary (King) Glick
David, son of David and the late Annie (Zook) Ebersol
Barbara, dau. of Christ and Mary (King) Glick
Barbara, dau. of Amos and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Lower Pequea – Spring Garden District
September 22, by Bishop John F. Glick
Melvin, son of Jacob and Katie (Kauffman) Beiler
David, son of Elmer and Amanda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Elam, son of Melvin and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus
Naomi, dau. of Jonas and Lizzie (King) Beiler
Barbara, dau. of Jacob and Katie (Kauffman) Beiler
Sally, dau. of Christ and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Yoder
Naomi, dau. of Isaac and Lavina (Beiler) Beiler
Malinda, dau. of Christ and the late Mary (King) Beiler
Barbara, dau. of Jacob and Katie (Fisher) Blank
Sadie, dau. of Melvin and Barbara (King) Stoltzfus
Barbara, dau. of John and Edna (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Lower Pequea – Beuna Vista District
September 22, by Bishop Sam F. Stoltzfus
Amos, son of Amos and Emma (Allgyer) Zook
Samuel, son of the late Christ and Lydia (Lapp) King
Martha, dau. of Elmer and Annie (Riehl) Beiler
Frieda, dau. of Annie (Beiler) Glick and the late Daniel Smucker
Anna, dau, of Jonathan and Mary (Esh) Fisher
Mary, dau. of Abner and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Zook
Nancy, dau. of Moses and Lena (Smucker) Riehl
Middle Pequea – Intercourse District
September 15, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp
Omar, son of Rachel (Stoltzfus) and the late John Smoker
Joseph, son of Enos and Emma (Stoltzfus) Esh
Eli, son of Jonas and Sarah (King) Esh
Jonathan, son of Jonas and Sarah (King) Esh
Emma, dau. of Amos and Anna (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Mary, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lapp) Fisher
Katie, dau. of Jonas and Sarah (King) Esh
Naomi, dau. of Jacob and Katie (King) Esch
Middle Pequea – Gordonville District
September 22, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp
Elam, son of Katie (Beiler) and the late Elmer Esh
Amos, son of Samuel and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Ben, son of Jonas and Katie (Lapp) Beiler
Amos, son of Benjamin and Annie (Fisher) Beiler
Israel, son of Aaron and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Susie, dau. of Benjamin and Annie (Fisher) Beiler
Katie, dau of Sadie (Beiler) and the late Elmer Esh
Annie, dau. of Jacob and Sadie (Esh) Fisher
Upper Pequea – Soudersburg District
September 15, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus
Allen, son of Stephen and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Joel, son of Sylvan and Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Amos, son of David and Emma (King) King
John, son of Isaac and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher
Verna, dau. of Jonathan and Priscilla (Zook) Esh
Malinda, dau. of Gideon and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Mary, dau. of Daniel and Arie (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Elizabeth, dau. of Sylvan & Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher
Katie, dau. of Gideon and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Mary, dau. of Jonas and Annie (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Lydia, dau. of David and Emma (King) King
Upper Pequea – Strasburg District
September 22, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus
Gideon, son of Samuel and Lydia (Fisher) King
Stephen, son of Amos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher
David, son of David and Lizzie (King) Fisher

BAPTISMS, Continued
Lancaster Co., Pa., Continued
Strasburg District, Continued
John, son of David and Annie (Stoltzfus) Fisher
David, son of Levi and Rebecca (Fisher) Fisher
Jacob, son of Levi and Lizzie (Smucker) Fisher
Moses, son of David and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) King
Barbara, dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (Beiler) Esch
Malinda, dau. of Amos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Sara, dau of David and Lizzie (King) Fisher
Miriam, dau of David and Annie (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Upper Pequea – Ronks District
September 15, by Bishop John M. Beiler
Emanuel, son of Levi and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Amos, son of Levi and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Elam, son of Christ and Barbara (Dienner) Lapp
Jonathan, son of Amos and Annie (Esh) Lapp
Ben, son of Jonas and Mary (King) Beiler
Fannie, dau. of Phares and Mary (Beiler) Beiler
Naomi, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (King) Beiler
Sarah, dau. of Amos and Rachel (Lapp) Fisher
Leah, dau. of Stephen and Lydia (King) Esh
Barbara, dau. of Amos and Annie (Esh) Lapp
Upper Pequea – Smoketown District
September 22, by Bishop David K. Blank
Aaron, son of Aaron and Mary (Stoltzfus) King
Aaron, son of Enos and Salome (Beiler) Fisher
Daniel, son of John and Arie (Smucker) Stoltzfus
Aaron, son of David and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Sylvia, dau. of Andrew and Annie (Yoder) Beiler
Annie, dau. of Isaac and Rebecca (Beiler) Ebersol
Emma, dau. of Christ and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Rebecca, dau. of Isaac and Rebecca (Beiler) Ebersol
Rebecca, dau. of Enos and Salome (Beiler) Fisher
Edna, dau. of Israel and Susie (King) Smoker
Salome, dau. of John and Barbara (Esh) Fisher
South Beaver Creek District
September 22, by Bishop John K. Beiler
Samuel, son of John and the late Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Levi, son of Aquilla and Mary (Zook) King
Moses, son of John and Sadie (Zook) King
Sam, son of John and Sadie (Zook) King
Rebecca, dau of John and the late Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Miriam, dau. of Aquilla and Mary (Zook) King
Anna, dau. of Christ and Miriam (Lapp) Stoltzfus
Lizzie, dau. of Mose and Annie (Fisher) Glick
Sylvia, dau. of John and Mary (Esch) Beiler
Sarah, dau. of Jacob and Mary (Stoltzfus) King
Nickle Mines District
September 22, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler
Enos, son of Melvin and Rebecca (Lapp) Petersheim
John, son of Melvin and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Naomi, dau. of Elam and Katie (Beiler) Beiler
Lydia, dau. of Melvin and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Lapp
Sara, dau. of Enos and Barbara (Stoltzfus) King
Southeast Georgetown District
September 15, by Bishop Israel M. Beiler
Mary, daughter of Israel and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler
Naomi, dau. of Ammon and Sarah (Huyard) King
Annie, dau. of Enos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King
Nancy, dau. of Abram and the late Barbara Stoltzfus
Smyrna District
September 15, by Bishop Joel K. Zook
Isaac, son of Elam and Mary (Beiler) Zook
Isaac, son of John and Barbara (Zook) King
John, son of Sol and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Samuel, son of Emanuel and Katie (Beiler) Fisher
Isaac, son of Amos and Leah (Lapp) Fisher
Emanuel, son of Joel and Rachel (Glick) Zook
Joseph, son of John and Barbara (Zook) King
Mary, dau. of John and Barbara (Zook) King
Sarah, dau. of Elam and Mary (Beiler) Zook
Arie, dau. of Levi and the late Leah (Fisher) Miller
Katie, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Kauffman) Lantz
Rachel, dau. of John and Barbara (Zook) King
West Nine Points District
September 22, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman
John, son of Daniel and Lizzie (Beiler) Yoder
Amos, son of Stephen and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus
Rachel, dau. of Joseph and Susie (Esh) Kauffman
Mary, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman
South Kirkwood District
September 22, by Bishop David L. Riehl
Daniel, son of Levi and Sarah (Lapp) Stoltzfus
Moses, son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger
Andy, son of Andy and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Isaac, son of Levi and Sarah (Lapp) Stoltzfus
John, son of Henry and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
Bennie, son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger
John, son of John and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus
Malinda, dau. of Henry and Annie (Glick) Stoltzfus
Susie, dau. of Levi and Sarah (Lapp) Stoltzfus
Hannah, dau. of Stephen and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Beile
Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Beiler) Yoder

Dover, Delaware
Southwest District
September 1, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz
Joe, son of Andy and Anna Stutzman
David, son of David and Lizzie Schlabach
Henry, son of Pre. Henry and Effie Miller
Lizzie Ann, dau. of Pre. Andy and Sarah Mast
Lydia, dau. of Wm. and Laura Mae Miller
Barbara, dau. of Andy J. D. and Lydia Miller
South District
September 8, by Bishop Eli S. Miller
Daniel, son of Henry and Elsie Yoder
Tobias, son of Henry and Anna Detweiler
Homer, son of Dea. Mahlon and Lydia Miller
Saloma, dau. of Adam and Lizzie Miller
Katie, dau. of Harry and Lizzie Miller

St. Mary's County, Maryland
September 15, by Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus
Barbara, dau. of Chris and Susie Byler
Ellen, dau. of Thomas Jarrett, W. Va.
Katie, dau. of Andy and Sarah Hertzler

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania
Upper District
September 8, by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey
Crist, son of Ezra F. and Miriam (Swarey) Peachey
Israel, son of Dea. John D. and Mary (Renno) Swarey
Annie, dau. of Dea. John D. and Mary (Renno) Swarey
Linda, dau. of Dea. John D. and Mary (Renno) Swarey

Hettie, dau. of Pre. Shem and Fannie (Peachey) Swarey
Lomie, dau. of Pre. Shem and Fannie (Peachey) Swarey
Fannie, dau. of Pre. Kore N. & Elizabeth (Swarey) Yoder
Amanda, dau. of Aaron and Mary (Byler) Swarey
Katie, dau. of Jesse and Nancy (Peachey) Peachey

Byler District
September 8, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler
Joseph, son of Jonathan and Mary (Yoder) Zook
Jacob, son of Eli D. and Linda (Byler) Peachey
Mahlon, son of Dea. Amos and Mollie (Byler) Yoder
Lydia, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Yoder) Zook
Priscilla, dau. of Jesse and Mary (Peachey) Byler

Valley District, September 15
by Bishop Levi Troyer from Holmes Co., Ohio
Jacob, son of Samuel and Sarah (Swarey) Peight
Louie, son of Samuel and Sarah (Swarey) Peight
Sylvan, son of Pre. Crist B. and the late Nannie (Swarey) Peachey
Barbara, dau. of David and Lizzie (Peachey) Peachey

Centre County, Pennsylvania
September 15, by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus
Omer, son of Omer and Fannie (Byler) Stoltzfus
Annie, dau. of Melvin and Lizzie (Miller) Zook
Fannie, dau. of Jacob and Lydia (Kauffman) Stoltzfus
Barbara, dau. of Tobias and Fannie (Zook) Stoltzfus

Oakland, Maryland
September 8
by Bishop Milt Kinsinger from Virginia
Abner, son of Claude Swartzentrubers
Andy, son of Robert Millers
Mark, son of John N. Yoders
Edna, dau. of Floyd Petersheims
Martha, dau. of Albert Benders
Barbara, dau. of Ernest N. Schrocks
Miriam, dau. of Abe Kauffmans
Rachel, dau. of Alvin C. Yoders
Rebecca, dau. of John C. Yoders
Miriam, dau. of Joe Zooks

Somerset County, Pennsylvania
Summit Mills, September 15
by Bishop Albert Brenneman
Esther, dau. of Amos and Annie (Slaubaugh) Zook
Alma, dau. of Wilmer and Lizzie (Slaubaugh) Yoder
Vernie, dau. of Norman & Amanda (Yoder) Brenneman

Geauga County, Ohio
Melvin Miller District
September 8
Owen, son of John J. M. Miller
John, son of John J. M. Miller
Esther, dau. of Gid Kurtz
Becky, dau. of Albert Troyer
Ann, dau. of Andy Yoder

Steve Yoder District
September 15
Crist, son of Steve Yoder

Pre. John J. Miller District
September 22
Melvin, son of Crist Hershberger
Ada, dau. of Mrs. Jake Miller

Pre. Urie J. Miller District
September 22
Allen, son of Lester Yoder
Joe, son of Urie D. Miller
Allen, son of Urie J. Miller
Ray, son of Dan C. Byler
Walli, son of Dan C. Byler
Andy, son of Noah Mast
Elmer, son of Elmer J. Mullet

Pre. Alvin Miller District
Owen, son of Wm. E. Detweiler
Ida, dau. of Joe J. Miller
Ella, dau. of Alvin A. Miller

Holmes County, Ohio
Melvin J. Miller District
Ruby, dau. of Delbert and Elizabeth (Miller) Troyer
Alta, dau. of Eli J. and Karie (Hershberger) Troyer

Andy N. Troyer District
Sarah, dau. of Levi A. & Susie (Swartzentruber) Hochstetler

Dan N. Yoder District
Henry, son of Levi L. and Susie (Raber) Yoder
Albert, son of Levi L. and Susie (Raber) Yoder
Levi Jr., son of Levi and Susie (Raber) Yoder
Albert, son of Christ L. and Lucinda (Raber)
Mose, son of Noah and Emma (Troyer) Mast

Andy E. Yoder District
David, son of Andy D. and Emma (Hochstetler) Miller
Andy, son of Andy D. and Emma (Hochstetler) Miller
Erwin, son of Andy E. and Laura (Miller) Yoder
Mervin, son of Andy E. and Laura (Miller) Yoder
Alvin, son of Harvey and Emma (Mast) Weaver
Erwin, son of John A. and Verna (Troyer) Raber

September 1
by Bishop Andy J. Mast
Jonas, son of Aden and Sevilla Keim
Roy, son of Bishop Andy and Ann Mast
Eli, son of Min. Andy and Mary Yoder
Esta, dau. of Elmer and Katie Troyer

September 22
by Bishop Joe J. Yoder from Shipshewana, Ind.
Christie, son of Eli and Esther Anderson
Martha, dau. of Ivan and Mattie Hochstetler
Ada, dau. of Wm. and Emma Chupp
Mary Ellen, dau. of Min. John and Ada Miller

September 8
by Bishop Levi Swartz from Berne, Indiana
Daniel, son of Daniel and Malinda Yoder
Robert, son of Raymond and Verna Miller
Reuben, son of Min. Reuben and Ella Miller
Paul, son of Henry and Clara Stutzman
Melvin, son of Dan and Irma Hostetler (twin)
Marvin, son of Dan and Irma Hostetler (twin)
Eli, son of Henry and Fannie Hershberger
Ada, dau. of Roman and Fannie Miller
Martha, dau. of Amanuel and Katie Hershberger
Mattie, dau. of Menno and Malinda Raber
Mary, dau. of Raymond and Verna Miller
Alta, dau. of Atlee and Ada Yoder (twin)
Alma, dau. of Atlee and Ada Yoder (twin)
Katie, dau. of Min. Reuben and Ella Miller

BAPTISMS, Continued
Holmes Co., Ohio, Continued
Sent by Mrs. John H. Yoder
Henry, son of Eli B. and Mattie (Raber) Miller
Roy, son of Levi M. and Lydia Ann (Weaver) Miller
Erma, dau. of Roy J. and Abbie (Miller) Miller
Nettie, dau. of Henry G. and Louella (Yoder) Yoder
Betty, dau. of Henry and Louella Yoder (twins)
Mary, dau. of Eli M. and Barbara (Troyer) Yoder
Ada, dau. of Noah L. and Lizzie (Erb) Raber
Anna, dau. of Dea. Sam M. and Esther (Barkman) Miller
Sent by Mrs. John H. Yoder
Joni, son of Noah J. and Lizzie (Miller) Raber
Norman, son of Jonas S. and Dena (Mullet) Hershberger
Lydia Ann, dau. of Ray J. and Lydia (Miller) Raber
Lizzie, dau. of Dan J. and Susie (Troyer) Miller
Katie, dau. of David S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder
Esther, dau. of David S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder
Ida, dau. of Mattie (Schlabach) and the late Bishop Jonas Yoder
Iva, dau. of Eli S. and Amanda (Yoder) Miller
Sarah, dau. of Abe B. and Anna (Erb) Miller
Susan, dau. of Mose C. and Nora (Miller) Wengerd
Mary, dau. of Sam C. and Lizzie (Yoder) Yoder
Mattie, dau. of Pre. Ervin and Mary (Raber) Schlabach
Mose, son of David M. and MaryAnn (Hershberger) Yoder
Vernon, son of Dea. Roy D.M. & Amanda (Miller (Miller
September 1
by Bishop Albert Mast
Marion, son of Paul J. and Nettie (Yoder) Yoder
September 1
by Bishop Abe Yoder
Ruth J. Troyer
Anna Hershberger
Betty E. Miller
Atlee A. Troyer
Miriam A. Yoder
Iva B. Miller
Abe A. Yoder
September 8
in Mahlon Hostetler District
Atlee J. Yoder
Lester I. Weaver
Dena B. Miller
Reuben B. Miller
Edna J. Yoder
Esther N. Yoder
September 8
by Bishop John Frey
Henry J. Mast
Vernon L. Miller
Barbara A. Miller
Jonas A. Miller
Katie A. Schlabach
September 8
in Levi J. Miller District
Arie S. Mast
Mary E. Hershberger
Ella M. Yoder

Wayne County, Ohio
September 1
by Bishop Isaac I. Miller
Daniel, son of Albert Miller
David, son of Jonas Mullet
Andy Jr., son of Andy Hershberger
Carol, dau. of Ray Miller
Ruth, dau. of Calvin Schlabach
Betty, dau of Dan Schlabach
September 8
by Bishop Milo Glick of Fredericktown, Ohio
David, son of Mrs. Clara Troyer
John, son of Mrs. Clara Troyer
Atlee, son of Sam Barkman
Jonas, son of Jerry Wengerd
Fannie, dau. of Emanuel Yoder
Sarah, dau. of Emanuel Yoder
Katie, dau. of Emanuel Yoder
Erma, dau. of Mrs. John Raber
Clara, dau. of Sam Barkman
Edna, dau. of Levi P. Hershberger
September 8
by Bishop Dan E. Schlabach
Alfred, son of Jacob A. Yoder
Paul, son of Henry A. Weaver
Paul, son of Mrs. Ray E. Weaver
Paul, son of Eli J. Raber
David, son of Levi N. Hershberger
Alvin, son of Abe J. Hochstetler
Mary, dau. of Enos E. Miller
Betty, dau. of Mrs. Milan Yoder
Anna Mae, dau. of Ervin A. Weaver
Emma, dau. of Gideon Miller
September 15
by Bishop Levi J. Miller
Arie, dau. of Sam Mast
Mary, dau. of Emanuel Hershberger
Ella, dau. of Melvin Yoder
September 16
by Bishop John Nisley from Iowa
Alvin, son of Andy A. Yoder
Mattie, dau. of Ezra Keim
Katie, dau. of Mose Keim
Anna, dau. of Mrs. Andy Gingerich
September 22
Ervin, son of John Weaver
Ben, son of Dan Troyer
Joe, son of Jonas Keim

Danville, Ohio
September 22
Joe, son of Enos Yoders
Ervin, son of Alva Bontragers
Toby, son of Alva Bontragers
Johnny, son of Tobie Hostetlers (twin)
Joseph, son of Tobie Hostetlers (twin)
Ruth, dau. of Nelson Beachys
Frieda, dau. of Ora Millers
Martha, dau. of Ammon Millers

Ashland, Ohio
Middle District, September 8
by Bishop Albert Keim
Abe, son of Bishop Albert and Katie Ann Keim
Edna, dau. of Abe J. and Alma Troyer
Alma, dau. of Alvin and Edna Mast
Katie, dau. of Henry and Martha Coblentz
Lavina, dau. of Dea. Ferdinand and Saloma Miller

Astabula Co. (Orwell) Ohio
by John H. Byler
Melvin, son of John Kurtzs
Jake, son of John Kurtzs
Sadie, dau. of Jake Bylers
Edna, dau. of Erwin Millers
Sylvia, dau. of Reuben Benders

Utica, Ohio
by Bishop David Miller
Dannie, son of Wallace and Edna (Miller) Byler
Paul, son of Jacob and Irene (Miller) Miller
Mary Ann, dau. of Andy J. and Sarah (Yoder) Miller
Viola, dau. of Edward and Clara (Miller) Miller
Betty, dau. of Sam and Sara (Yoder) Gingerich
Sharon, dau. of Levi and Wilma (Yoder) Yoder
Ruth, dau. of Edward and Clara (Miller) Miller
Minerva, dau. of Freeman and Ada (Troyer) Mullet

Centreville, Michigan
North West District
September, by Bishop Wm. P. Miller
Larry Borkholder
Mary Borkholder
Rosanna R. Miller
Anna Lea Miller
North East District
September 15, by Bishop Tobias L. Yoder
Ben Yoder
Marvin Yoder
Elmer R. Kauffman
Sylvia Bontrager
Katie Kauffman

Camden, Michigan
September 15
John, son of Levi R. and Rosa (Steury) Graber
Floyd, son of John and Anna (Zook) Brenneman
Paul, son of Joe and Rosa (Schwartz) Schwartz
Nathan, son of Paul and Susan (Schwartz) Eicher
Catherine, dau. of Amos and Maggie (Wagler) Yoder
Barbara, dau. of Henry and Maggie (Graber) Eicher
Salome, dau. of Martin and Effie May (Brandenberger) Steury

Bronson, Michigan
at the home of Levi Stutzman
Levi, son of Joe Bontrager
Monroe, son of Joe Bontrager
Polly, dau. of David Borntrager

Elkhart County, Indiana
Southeast Clinton District
September 15
Leroy, son of Lloyd and Anna (Yoder) Troyer
Vernon, son of Floyd and Sara (Yoder) Miller
West Forks District
September 15
Monroe, son of Milo J. and Edna (Yoder) Bontrager
Northwest Clinton District
September 15
Marion, son of Dea. Harry A. and Sarah (Miller) Yoder
Marvin, son of Rudy J. and Esther (Schlabach) Miller
Delbert, son of Rudy J. and Esther (Schlabach) Miller
David, son of David and Edith Emma (Schlabach)
Ben Ray, son of David and Edith Kauffman
Edwin, son of Perry O. and Maggie (Zehr) Yoder
Northeast Clinton District
September 22
Marion, son of Lloyd and Lydia (Miller) Hershberger

LaGrange County, Indiana
West Yoder District
September 8, by Bishop Abe A. Yoder
Christy, son of Ben C. and Katie Miller
Freeman, son of Noah and Lizzie Ann Miller
Gerald, son of Dan and Anna Miller
Loretta, dau. of Freeman and Waneta Eash
Lizzie Ann, dau. of Amos R. and Wilma Bontrager
Mattie, dau. of Joseph and Ella Yoder
North Barrens District
September 15, by Bishop Clemence Miller
Mervin, son of the late Levi and Susie Lehman
Calvin, son of Lloyd and Anna Mae Miller
Amos N. Miller District
September 8
Freda, dau. of the late Ernest and Elizabeth Miller
Shipshewana West District
September 15, by Bishop John Troyer
Lorene, dau. of Lester and Mary Hochstedler
Joanna, daughter of Ura and Lucy Gingerich
Eli Lehman District
September 15, by Bishop Elvie Frye
Andrew Jr., son of Andrew A. and Clara
Mary Alice, dau. of Ezra E. and Anna Miller
Laurie, dau. of Toba and Mary Miller
Ada, dau. of Amos and Mattie Bontrager
South Barrens District
Ernest, son of Mahlon and Lydia Mae Bontrager
Loretta, dau. of Alvin and Barbara (Yoder) Mullet
Kay Ellen, dau. of Alvin and Barbara (Yoder) Mullet
East Yoder District
Harry, son of Jonas and Edna Weaver
Katie, dau. of Daniel and Susan Otto
Fannie Irene, daughter of John and Edna Mast
Joni B. Miller (Clearspring) District
by Bishop Daniel J. Bontrager
Harley Wayne, son of the late Chris D. and Ida Miller
Vernon, son of Harold and Elizabeth Miller
Sara Ann, daughter of John and Verna Eash
Ida Carolyn, dau. of Ray and Edna Miller
Daniel Bontrager – Clearspring District
by Bishop Daniel J. Bontrager
Ezra, son of David and Susie Petersheim
Ervin, son of Ezra W. and Clara Bontrager
LeAnna, dau. of Irvin and Elizabeth Nisley
Lizzie Mae, dau. of Harry and Emma Hochstedler

Nappanee, Indiana
September 8
by Bishop Mose W. Yoder
Glen, son of Dea. Harry and Sophia (Borkholder) Helmuth
Barbara, dau. of Perry and Anna Mae (Mast) Yoder
Mary Alice, dau. of Perry and Anna Mae (Mast) Yoder
Barbara, dau. of Leroy and Katie (Hershberger) Miller
September 8
by Bishop Henry J.S. Yoder
Marietta, dau. of Andy and Sovilla (Hochstetler) Hochstetler
September 8
by Bishop John Helmuth
Willis, son of Eli and Anna (Lehman) Borkholder
Owen, son of Eli and Anna (Lehman) Borkholder
Marion, son of Jancy and Ella (Troyer) Schmucker
Perry, son of Perry Yoders of Goshen
Karon, dau. of Lloyd and Katie (Miller) Miller
Carolyn, dau. of Dan and Emma (Yoder) Mullet
Freida, dau. of Jake and Lela (Slabaugh) Miller
Ina, dau. of Andy and Clara (Slabaugh) Chupp

BAPTISMS, Continued

Milroy, Indiana
by Bishop Joe Graber of Daviess Co., Ind.
Nancy, dau. of Andy C. and Ruth (Bender) Hershberger
Esther, dau. of Andy C. and Ruth (Bender) Hershberger

Arthur, Illinois
Abe Gingerich District
September 15
John, son of Jacob and Mary Otto
Willis, son of Obey and Anna Helmuth
John Herschberger District
September 22
Owen, son of Harve and Lucy Schrock
Ervin, son of Mrs. Menno J. (Sarah) Miller
Freeman, son of Ervin and Mattie Yoder
Mervin, son of Roman and Bertha Borkholder
Fern, dau. of Jonas and Minerva Plank
———, dau. of John and Leah Plank
Katie Fern, dau. of Enos and Martha Diener

Haven (Reno County) Kansas
September 1
by Bishop David E. Schrock
Edna, dau. of Ralph W. and Amanda (Yutzy) Kramer of Jamesport R3, Mo.

Anabel, Missouri
Neal Bontrager District, September 8
by Bishop Jacob Petersheim from Clark, Missouri
Willard, son of Levi U. and Fanny Borntrager
Alvin, son of Sam W. and Rebecca (Yoder) Schrock
Mattie Ann, dau. of John Henry & Lizzie (Borntrager) Miller
Edna, dau. of Chriss L. and Amanda (Yoder) Miller
Fannie Mae, dau. of Dave A. and the late Fannie (Hochstetler) Borntrager
Lena, dau. of John M. and Lydia (Yoder) Borntrager

Buchanan County, Iowa
North East District, September 8
by Bishop Levi J. Bontrager
Wilma, dau. of Mose Beechys
South Middle District
September 15, by Bishop Jake Schmucker
William, son of Freeman Detweiler
Simeon, son of Dea. Edd Gingerich
Eli, son of Dan Yoder
Anna, dau. of Christ Millers
Mary, dau. of Alvin Yoders
North West District
September 22, by Bishop Atlee Shetler
Amanda, dau. of Atlee Shetler
South West District
September 29, by Bishop Phillip Yoder
Emma, dau. of Dea. Andy Kurtz

Johnson County, Iowa
September 1
by Bishop Glen Bender
Rose Mary, dau. of Emory and Edna (Bontrager) Miller
Verna, dau. of Henry and Amy (Otto) Miller
Anna Mae, dau. of Glen and Susan (Yoder) Beachy
September 8, by Bishop Truman Miller
in the late Bishop Levi Schrock District
Chris, son of Jacob and Viola (Yoder) Schlabach
Carrie, dau. of Pre. Herman and Lydiann (Yoder) Miller

Milton, Iowa
Middle District, by Eli Detweiler
Chriss, son of Ezra and Cora (Herschberger) Gingerich
North District, by Chris Kauffman
Verna, dau. of Ora and Alma (Miller) Bontrager
Amanda, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Mast
South District
Omar, son of Menno and Fannie (Schrock) Hostetler
Wilmer, son of Elijah and Susan (Miller) Miller

Amherst, Wisconsin
September 28, by Bishop Christ C. Borntrager
Ervin, son of Ammon V. Lambright
Dennis, son of Henry Lehman
Clemens, son of Christ C. Borntrager
David, son of Sam R. Borntrager
Katie Mae, dau. of Emmon Schmucker
Fannie, dau. of Phineas Borntrager
Lydia, dau. of Ammon B. Millers

Wilton, Wisconsin
September 8
by Bishop Chris Borntrager of Wilton
Enos, son of Joe A. and Susan (Miller) Borntreger
Neal, son of Mahlon N. and Barbara (Borntreger) Borntreger
Fannie, dau. of Jonas J. and Cassie (Borntreger) Miller
Sarah, dau. of Ben C. and Mary (Yoder) Borntreger

Medford, Wisconsin
S. N. East District, by Bishop Samuel Mast
Orpha, dau. of Tobias and Fannie (Miller) Borntrager
Edna, dau. of Jonas V. and Barbara (Borntrager) Borntrager
Katie, dau. of Ira A. and Lovina (Miller) Borntrager
S. West District, by Bishop John H. Miller
Dannie, son of Ezra J. and Mary (Mast) Miller
Mary, dau. of Tobias C. and Mattie (Mast) Borntrager

Aylmer, ontario
September 8, by Bishop Jacob Eicher
Mabel, dau. of Solomon and Sarah Miller
Rosemary, dau. of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher

Norwich, Ontario
West District, September 15
by Bishop Abe Troyer
Atlee, son of Gid Miller
Levi, son of Jacob Miller
Verna, dau. of Dan Miller
Anna, dau. of Dan Miller
Emma, dau. of Noah Stutzman
East District, September 22
by Bishop Eli Swartzentruber
Lewis, son of Dan Shetler
Albert, son of Mose Miller
William, son of Dan Shetler
Eddie, son of William Shetler

Mary, dau. of Levi E. Miller
Lydia, dau. of Mose Miller

Lucknow, Ontario
September 22, by Bishop Abe Troyer
Eli, son of Noah Stutzman
Levi Jr., son of Levi A. Miller
Mary, dau. of Dan D. Stutzman
Annie, dau. Dan D. Stutzman
Lizzie Ann, dau. of Levi A. Miller

Grey County, Ontario
by Bishop Eli Stutzman from Ethridge, Tenn.
Daniel, son of Emery L. Shetlers, Chesley
Sarah, dau. of Emery L. Shetlers of Chesley
Katie, dau. of Joe A. Millers of Desboro R2
Emanuel, son of Levi L. Shetler Jr. of Chatsworth R2
Noah, son of John N. Stutzman of Chatsworth R2
Enos, son of Mose E. Hershbergers of Desboro R2

LEWIS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Perhaps only a minority of our generation have ever thought of an Amish community in the Empire state. Most of us who speak about New Yorkers today refer to tourists who scan our countryside and gaze upon our youngsters at work. They impose on our way of life and many times when we drive to our home town we will be greeted with a parked car or bus in front of us ready to take our pictures. Instantly one of the family will say, they have New York license plates. But this story of Lewis County, New York, is something else.

It consists of grandfather stories, telling how they visited Croghan in their youth, about the good times they had on their visit. One of the first things our grandfather has remarked about Croghan was of the extremely courteous people living there and the fine hospitality they received in the community. It was a community of close kin, close knit, working together, worshipping together or to be close together. Although the congregation suffered severe splits from near the beginning, and worshipping practices differed, the community clung together, reinforced with many things in common. One was that they were all Frenchmen in a new country and quite isolated from the rest of the world. The Adirondacks were right on their heels to the east, the lake regions to the west, the St. Lawrence a short distance to the north, a rich valley that will not be matched in any other part of the Empire state. Perhaps the key factor to their communal life is their genuine and pure Alsaish dialect which in turn preserved their Swiss-French culture.

Of course our grandfather was eager to tell us how they were invited to worship with them in their homes. They sang hymns out of the Ausbund, the sermon was in German and in spite of the unaccustomed dialect they could understand well. A few years later their Croghan friends would pay a return visit to the Pequea. They would gather nearly every evening of the week, young and old alike, to observe all the goodness their northern brethren had to offer. Their ministers, likewise, paid visits here to preach in our homes, an event that would cling to grandfather's memory as long as he lived. To demonstrate the closeness of this Lewis County community we must repeat an overheard slogan that was said as late as 1972, "Oh yes, if you are born here you die here."

A Trip to Lewis County, New York

In August of 1972 the writer had the privilege to visit this beautiful valley in northern New York. Amos Hoover, Denver, Pennsylvania, offered the transportation, along with my father, Christian S. Beiler, a cousin, Jacob Beiler, an uncle, David Zook and his brother, Isaac Zook. The Zooks had visited the community a few times previously as their brother, Joel Zook, lived there when single for at least one season. As we traveled north over the mountains the scenery was splendid, through the hills and valleys of central New York and then the lake regions. At last we followed Lake Ontario for miles, and watched the beauties of nature until our eyes were full and tired. About ten miles short of Watertown we left the thruway and turned east and, taking this course for a few miles, we began to sense something different, yet something familiar to us of the Pequea Valley. Proceeding a bit further, we saw a valley we had never seen before, quite different from anything we had seen since we crossed the Blue Mountains. From an elevated point we could see the whole valley with the Adirondacks rising to the east like a wall to separate it from the rest of the world. In the valley we could notice expertly cultivated fields, well structured and painted farm buildings, with a silo towering above the other buildings. As always, the home of a man will tell on his life. Although I have never before met anyone in this valley, I would not need to ask anyone what kind of people live here, this was different from any other scenery we had seen, something we did not get tired of, instead a desire to go there and stay there at least for a few days. The very approach of the valley gave us a welcome and homely feeling, like a replica of a vast structure built by the wisdom of Solomon, it is a divinely inspired product of Swiss-French generations of well over a century, imbedded in the faith of our fathers. Through the toil and labor of their pioneers the third and fourth generation can now reap where their fathers have sown. Although the Old Order spirit in worship has vanished from this community for a half century there are still elements there that stand, which I refer to as the old Swiss elements. No. 1, the extreme courtesy and hospitality shown in respect to Old Order Amish visitors, leaving a brotherly tie. No. 2, the tidiness in their homes and barns, well kept outside as well as inside. No weed bushes and no trash piles were to be seen around the buildings. No. 3, their strong desire for togetherness, a bond of close kinship in spirit seems to prevail throughout the entire valley.

To be Continued, Joseph F. Beiler

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE DR. HANS OR JOHN AND MAGDALENA BLANK FAMILY

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

Time and space would not be available to continue with the lineage of (9) David Hostetler, the son of John and Barbara (Mast) Hostetler. Among some of the church leaders are such as the late Bishop John Renno as well as his son, Bishop Joshua Renno of Mifflin County; Pre. Leroy Yoder of Juniata County; Pre. Sam Y. Beiler of Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa.; Deacon Benjamin Beiler of Georgetown section; Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler and Deacon John Y. Beiler, both of Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; also the Jacob Peachey Sr. family of Belleville which includes Pre. Jacob Peachey of Leola, formerly of Snyder County, his son, Pre. Jesse Peachey of Guthrie, Kentucky, and probably many, many more unknown to the writer.

The next child of Joseph and Anna (Blank) Hostetler is (22) Henry Hostetler (2). The inventory of his estate was filed May 13, 1806 in which year he probably died. He was married to Nancy Renno, also of Berks Co., Pa. Nancy (Renno) Hostetler then remarried to John King who moved from Berks County to Lancaster County to the farm now owned by Jacob Swarey. An account of this family appeared in the June issue of the 1974 Diary.

The third child of (2) Joseph and Anna (Blank) Hostetler (1) was (23) Michael Hostetler (2), who died about 1844 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. He married to Mary Garber, daughter of John and Catherine Garber of Lancaster County. To this union were born five children; namely, (24) Joseph Hostetler (23); (37) Anna Hostetler (23); John; Michael (23); and Catherine Hostetler, who died single at thirty two years of age. (24) Joseph Hostetler (23) married first to Fannie Hertzler. To them was born one son, (25) Jacob Hostetler (24), married to Leah Byler. They were the grandparents of the late Deacon Jacob H. Byler, who were the parents of the present Bishop Jacob Byler of Mifflin County. Also from this family came the present Pre. Daniel M. Yoder, and Prof. John A. Hostetler of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

(24) Joseph Hostetler (23) married second to Anna Lantz, third to Barbara Yoder, daughter of Yost Yoder of Centre County. To them were born eight children in Mifflin County; namely, (26) Yost Hostetler (24), born Jan. 9, 1826, died Jan. 5, 1894, married to Elizabeth Yoder, daughter of Isaac and Magdalena (Lantz) Yoder. To mention a few of their children are (27) Mattie Hostetler (26), born in 1861, married to David Byler, they moved to Lawrence Co., Pa.; (28) Pre. Isaac Y. Hostetler (26), married to Fanny C. Zook, they were the parents of Pre. Christian Hostetler of Dry Run in Path Valley, Pa.; (29) Mary (24), married to Jonathan Z. King of Belleville, no children were born to this union; (30) Michael Hostetler (24), born in 1839, married to Nancy Zook, daughter of Christian and Lydia (Byler) Zook. Most of this family settled in the Reedsville section of Mifflin County.

(31) Anna Hostetler (24), born in 1843, married to Jacob H. Zook, one of the early deacons of Mifflin County, a son of Christian and Lydia (Byler) Zook, who was a son of Bishop (Long) Christian Zook. This family is also of Reedsville, their daughter, (32) Lydia B. Zook (31), married to Isaac J. Yoder. Their daughter, (33) Anna Z. Yoder (32), married to Samuel S. Yoder the son of Moses E. and Salome (Speicher) Yoder. Samuel was ordained minister and is the present bishop in the Reedsville section of Mifflin County.

Another son of (24) Joseph and Barbara (Yoder) Hostetler (23) is (34) John Hostetler (24), born in 1845, died in 1926, married to Leah Zook, born in 1847, died in 1924, daughter of Joel and Lydia Zook. They moved from Mifflin County to Lawrence Co., Pa. He served as minister and bishop of that place. Some of their family reside in Lawrence County and Reedsville and Milroy section of Mifflin County.

Another daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Yoder) Hostetler is (35) Barbara Hostetler (24), married to John B. Zook, son of Christian and Lydia (Byler) Zook of Reedsville.

The youngest child of Joseph and Barbara (Yoder) Hostetler was (36) Joseph Y. (24), married to Elizabeth Yoder daughter of Yost Yoder.

(37) Anna Hostetler (23), daughter of Michael Hostetler Sr., married to John Kurtz, son of Stephen and Veronica (Hertzler) Kurtz. There were eleven children born to this union of which a few died in infancy. They moved to Lawrence Co., Pa. (38) Stephen Kurtz (37), married to Elizabeth Yoder, daughter of Christian and Ester (Hertzler) Yoder. (39) Maria Kurtz (37), married to Jonathan Lantz (Bishop). (40) Michael Kurtz (37), married to Saloma King, they moved to Missouri. (41) John H. Kurtz (37), married to Drusilla Yoder. There is a large offspring of this family in Mifflin, Lancaster, and Lawrence Co., Pa. and Stark, Madison, and Holmes County, Ohio, and throughout the western states.

(42) Elizabeth Kurtz (37), married to Noah Byler. Most of these descendants will be found in Lawrence and Mercer Co., Pa., and in Geauga County, Ohio. (43) Abraham Kurtz (37), married to Martha Zook. Some of this family moved to Logan County and Wayne County, Ohio. (49) Sarah Kurtz (37), married to Reuben Byler, born in Mifflin County in 1833, died in 1919 in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

(45) Michael Hostetler Jr. (23), married to Leah Hertzler of Mifflin County. Their descendants are in the Reedsville section of Mifflin County, in Lawrence and Mercer Co., Pa. and in Ohio.

Next on the list of children of Dr. Hans Blank is (46) John Blank Jr. (1), who died in 1844; he married to Franny Smucker, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Hesston) Schmucker, formerly of Berks County and later of Earl Township, Lancaster County. John Blank Jr. moved with his parents, or sometime later, to Salisbury Township, Lancaster County on the same tract that his father lived. To them were born six children. The oldest was (47) Catharine Blank (46), married to Jacob Yoder, a son of John and Anna (Mast) Yoder of Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County. It appears that they moved to Mifflin County. Jacob was a brother to Pre. (Yetter) Hannes Yoder and also to Bishop (Red) Yost Yoder who lived in Mifflin County and Half Moon Valley in Centre County.

At the present time the writer has reference to only one child, namely, (48) Jacob Yoder (47), married to Nancy Kauffman of Mifflin County. Their son, (49) Samuel Yoder (48), born Sept. 23, 1824, married to Elizabeth Byler, born Aug. 6, 1830, a daughter of Bishop Solomon Byler of the Locust Grove congregation of Belleville. Samuel Yoder was ordained a minister and in 1864, before the death of Solomon Byler, he ordained his son-in-law, Samuel Yoder, as bishop.

The second child of John Blank Jr. was Magdalena Blank, born about 1770, died single in 1858 at the age of 88 years and is buried in the old Blank Cemetery at Cains.

The third child was (50) Barbara Blank (46), born in 1776, died in 1847, married to Jacob Reeser. The name Reeser is a family name which is very numerous in Salisbury Township. It is a name which was found among the Amish in the Northkill settlement in Berks County. Although if you talk to some of the Reeser people at the present time they seem to think that there was an early family of Reeser people who came to Lancaster County from Franklin County, Pennsylvania. But we do know that most of the Reeser people of today descend from the above mentioned family of Jacob and Barbara (Blank) Reeser. They had several known children, namely, (51) Barbara Reeser (50), born June 13, 1812 in Salisbury Township, married to Christian Hertzler, born June 7, 1800, died March 3, 1878. He was a son of Christian Hertzler who moved from Berks County to Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County and in 1814 to Mifflin County. Christian Jr., mentioned above, was ordained as one of the early Amish deacons of the Conestoga Valley. They had four children. Only one of them was married, mamely, (52) Ephraim Hertzler (51), married to Catharine Steyer. They were Lutherans and lived in Churchtown.

(53) Magdalena Reeser (50), born Nov. 11, 1806, married May 12, 1829 to John Hertzler, born 1801, brother to the above mentioned Christian Hertzler. They had five children and lived in Churchtown, Pennsylvania, where he manufactured cloth and woolen goods.

There are several more Reeser families who lived in eastern Lancaster County and Berks County who are believed to be descendants of Jacob and Barbara (Blank) Reeser, namely, (54) John Reeser (50), born in 1800, married to Elizabeth Mast, born in 1804, daughter of Christian and Susanna (Kurtz) Mast who moved to Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio, but all his children were born in Lancaster County. To John and Elizabeth Reeser were born eleven children, who were intermarried to Wanners, Planks, Kurtzs, Masts, Kramers, Oberholzers, and Wallaces. The family heads were of the Amish faith but the descendants are mostly affiliated with the Methodist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian Churches.

Another family which is believed to be a son of Jacob and Barbara (Blank) Reeser is (55) Peter Reeser (50), born in 1808, died in 1904, married to Catharine Mast, born in 1807, daughter of David and Mary (Kurtz) Mast. They had four children. One was (56) Jacob Reeser (55), married to Sarah E. Plank, daughter of John Y. and Charity Blank. Another child was (57) Peter Reeser (55), married to Elizabeth Umble, born Jan. 23, 1847, died in 1906 at the age of 59 years. Some of her wearing apparel is still in the hands of her only son, (58) John U. Reeser (57) of Spring Garden, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. He is a noted historian in spite of his advanced age. He was born April 10, 1886.

Another child of John and Fanny (Smucker) Blank Jr. was (59) Jane, or sometimes spelled Christenna Blank (46), married to William Irwin, of which we have no reference to at the present time.

Another child of John and Fanny (Smucker) Blank Jr. was (60) Nicholas Blank (46), married to Sarah Blank, born Aug. 30, 1799, a daughter of Bishop John and Barbara (Yoder) Blank. (Barbara being a daughter of Strong Jacob Yoder.) They had only one son, John Y. Blank, who at one time had part of the Dr. Hans Blank tract, but the descendants are unknown at this time.

The last of the children of John and Fanny (Smucker) Blank Jr. was (61) John Blank (46), married to Anna Zook, the daughter of Jacob and Gertrude (Kenege) Zook of West Whiteland Township, Chester County. (Jacob Zook being a son of Moritz Zook.) They had a family born in Salisbury Township. One known son was John married to Charity ______.

The third of the children of (1) Dr. Hans and Magdalena Blank is (62) Catherine Blank (1), married to John Hooley, born in 1739 in Europe. He came to this country, lamded at Philadelphia Nov. 3, 1750, with his father, Andreas Hooley. They settled in Berks County where he married and later moved with the Blanks to Salisbury Township, Lancaster County as an Amish minister. They either owned some of the Dr. Hans Blank tract or were land joiners. Here the Hooleys lived till about 1791 when they met with severe financial difficulties due to a depression, which was caused by the changing of the English pounds to the American dollars and cents. They then moved to Brown Township, Mifflin County, together with most of their family, some of which were married. We will try and give a brief outline of their family, being eleven in all. (63) John Hooley Jr. (62), married to Sarah Garver; (64) Christian Hooley (62), married to Elizabeth Mast, daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast of the Conestoga Valley. To them were born eight children in Lancaster County and Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, some of whom moved to Indiana and Logan County, Ohio. (65) Peter Hooley (62), married to Esther Mast, daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast of the Conestoga Valley. This was Esther Mast's second marriage. She was formerly married to Christian Zook, son of Christian and Barbara (Kurtz) Zook, son of Moritz Zook. Their descendants were in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania and Holmes County and Fairfield County, Ohio.

To be continued

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

John Blank Family of Cocalico

It is most evident that this John Blank came to America in 1752 since many of his shipmates also settled in Cocalico region. Others among the list are Jacob Schaffer, Uhlich Shergk, Jacob Baltzer, Daniel Renold, Christopher Heinrich Reinhold, Heinrich Gerhart, Hans Jacob Eberli, and Daniel Gerhart. Three other Blank or Plank names are on the list, also Christian Schmucker.

This John Blank, also spelled Blanck in will into the third generation, was more fortunate than the average of our immigrants to purchase land. He did not obtain original land grants but he bought already surveyed land with some buildings and improvements at least three different times. He tilled some of the richest land in the beautiful Shoeneck section of northeastern Lancaster County on the west bank of Cocalico Creek. His tracts were all from an original five hundred acre grant to Hans Zimmerman before 1750. In 1769 John Blank bought 280 acres from Michael Bachman; in 1775, 67 acres from Samuel Harnish; and in 1785, 74 acres from John Bear. Perhaps these were all Mennonites or Amish. At the time his estate was settled, in 1796, he had a total of 359 acres. He died in Cocalico Township and is probably buried on the homestead, which was willed to his son Jacob.

This John Blank gives a vast progeny to our church in the Pequea as well as points west, which can be seen from the geneology article to follow in these issues.

His son John moved to Salisbury Township where he served as a church leader in the Lower Pequea District before 1800. In 1798 he signed his name to the alms book with Christian Hertzler and Michael Lapp. It is clear that these men were appointed to count the alms money. John had three sons ordained to the ministry.

Joseph F. Beiler

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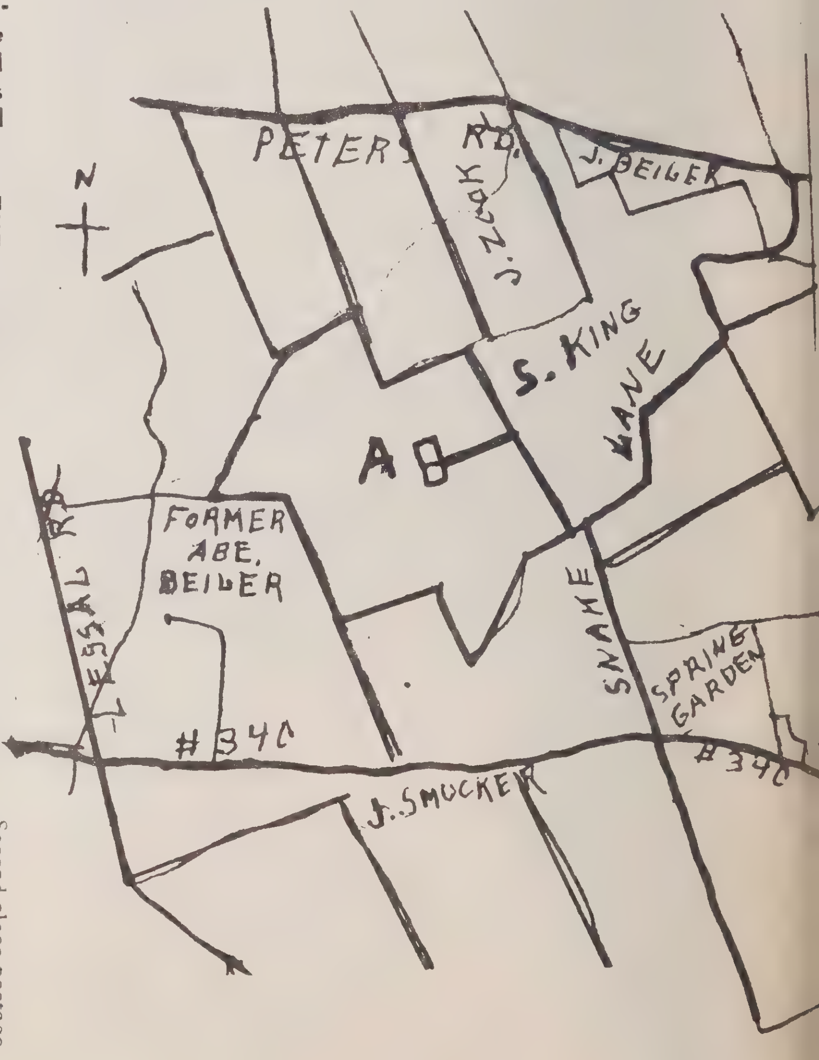
Below is a sketch drawn from Lancaster County Assessment maps showing the Blank families area. Section A is a tract, formerly 101 acres, transferred from John Blank Sr. to Samuel Blank in 1833, to John Roop in 1836, to John Kurtz in 1851. Note the Blank burial plot and present right of way. The 1851 deed describes this burial ground of 1 acre and 55 perches. It makes a special note that ground can never by transferred and shall always be reserved for the heirs and descendants of John Blank for the use of burial ground on the hereby granted premises with privileges to pass and repass to and from the same as often as occasion may require. Deed Book K, Vol. 8, page 528 – 530.



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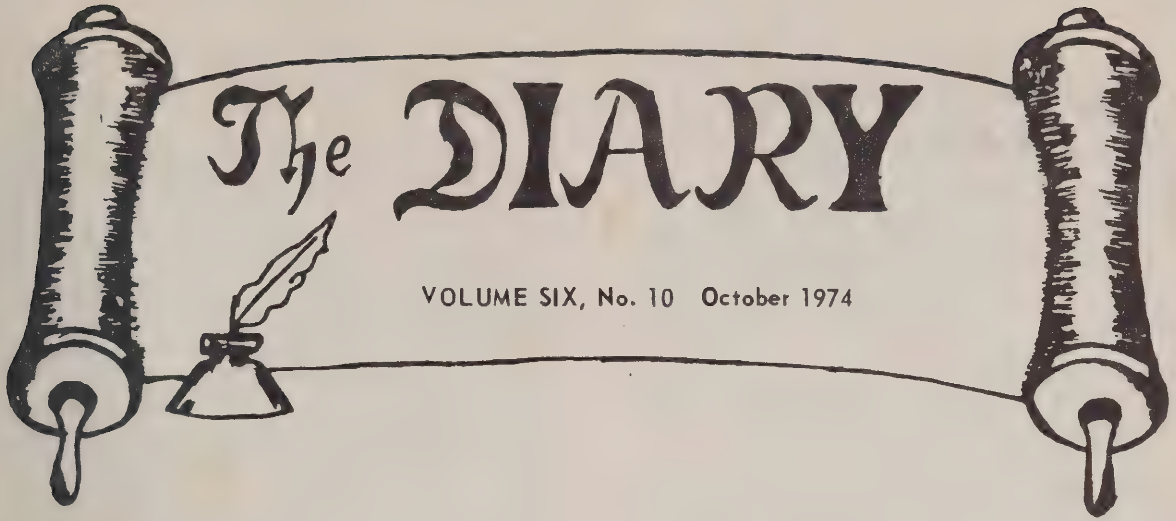

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THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL RUN OVER BY CORN HAULER

Susan M., daughter of David G. and Sylvia S. (Esh) Esch, Gap R2, Pa., was pronounced dead on arrival at Lanchester Medical Center at 10:40 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14th. She was run over by a mobile corn bin on her father's farm, and died as a result of massive head injuries. The four-wheeled bin to haul corn from the field was pulled by two mules and weighed over a ton. It was driven to the barn by the hired man, who went to start a generator to operate a conveyer belt. The noise apparently startled the two mules and they bolted. The children were playing nearby and Susan apparently had climbed up onto one of the steel wheels, was tossed to the ground, and one of the wheels ran over her head.

(See obituary)

IND. WOMAN DIED FROM CRASH INJURIES

Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder of Middlebury, Ind. were on their way to town Wednesday, October 16, when they were struck from behind by a pickup truck. The buggy was carried 177 feet before coming to a stop. John is 85 years old and his wife, Edna, is 79, both had their left leg broken, scalp lacerations and abrasions of the face. The buggy was demolished and the horse treated at a nearby farm. Edna died Oct. 25th and John was still in serious condition at that time. (See obituary)

IND. MAN STRICKEN IN WOODS

Mahlon Hostetler, 74, husband of Lizzie (Schrock) Hostetler, passed away Oct. 28th. He was in the woods with the team, cleaning up brush, and was on the wagon when stricken. He slid down on tugs of the "gie" horse, the team came across the field, and a neighbor saw it, walked up to the team and said "whoa." Mahlon breathed a few more times and was gone. He is survived by his wife, four sons and eight daughters. Funeral was held Oct. 31st.

DRIVEWAY MISHAP KILLS IND. YOUNGSTER

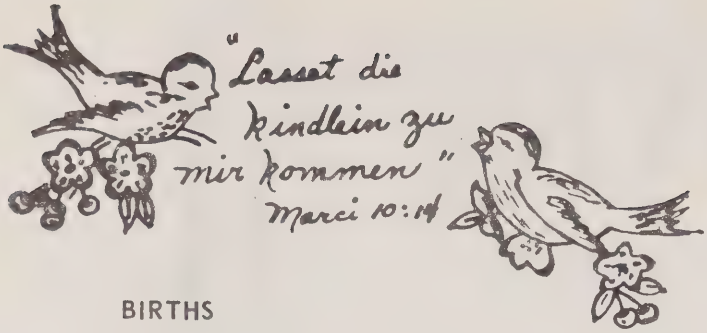
Manas Wingard, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Wingard was killed Friday when he was run over by a milk truck in the driveway of his home near Shipshewana. The youngster apparently was playing near the milk truck and was crushed under the front wheels of the vehicle as the driver departed. The driver said he was not aware that the child was near the vehicle, he had backed the truck up to the barn for loading, the child was killed instantly when he pulled the truck away from the barn at 11:40 a.m.

(See obituary)

BURNS FATAL TO ARTHUR, ILL. WOMAN

Katie, wife of Bishop Amos D. Otto went to the basement and smelled gas at about 11:30 Saturday, Oct. 26th. She called her husband in and, in search, opened the storage room and immediately gas came in contact with the water heater causing an explosion which damaged the house. It raised the floor of a built-in porch which was over the basement, bursting out some of the walls and tearing some of the joists apart. Enough gas went up the stairway to blow out the door and knock down an ironing board which was hanging in the stairway. Amos' face and hands were badly burned. Katie had most of her clothes burned off but wrapped herself in a carpet and soon had the fire out. They were rushed to a doctor in Sullivan who sent them to St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, from there they were sent to the Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Ill. She was in a very serious condition with first, second and third degree burns over from 85 to 90% of her body. Amos was released from the Decatur hospital but went to Springfield as an out patient and received treatment for his hands and face. Katie was in a nearly unconscious condition for two days and died November 1st.

(See obituary, next month)


"Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen"
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BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ALLGYER, David J. (Mamie Stoltzfus) 881 Horning Rd. Lancaster, a daughter SADIE S., October 13
BEILER, Daniel M. (Esther S. Smucker) 624 Willow Rd. Lancaster, a daughter MARY, October 3
BEILER, Henry (Sallie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1 twin daus. ANNIE & FANNIE, October 22
BEILER, Jacob (Emma Miller) Christiana R1 a son AMOS, October 8
EBERSOL, Aaron (Susie Riehl) 299 Newport Rd. Leola, a daughter EMMA S., October 10
ESCH, Leroy S. (Rebecca K. Miller) New Providence a daughter LYDIA M., October 22
ESH, Benuel (Rebecca L. Stoltzfus) Peach Bottom R2 a daughter NAOMI, October 18
ESH, Christian (Rachel Glick) Ronks R1 a son ELMER G., October 21
ESH, J. Daniel (Anna B. Huyard) Paradise R1 a son BENUEL H., October 15
ESH, John S. (Sadie L. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3 a son BENUEL S., October 18
ESH, Levi S. Jr. (Fannie King) Kinzers R1 a son EMANUEL K., October 9
FISHER, Elam B. (Mary K. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1 a son WILLIAM S., October 22
FISHER, Elam F. (Emma Lapp) Ronks R1 a son AMOS, October 13
FISHER, Reuben S. (Barbara F. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter MARTHA FAY, October 1
FISHER, Samuel S. (Naomi L. Riehl) 1650 Morningside Dr., Lancaster, a daughter SUSANNE, October 9
GLICK, Abner S. (Lavina S. Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a son DANIEL E., October 31
KAUFFMAN, Benjamin E. (Elsie King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SADIE, October 18
KAUFFMAN, Benuel (Emma King) 200 Centreville Rd. Gordonville R1, a daughter BARBARA, October 3
KAUFFMAN Melvin (Katie Stoltzfus) 3522 Scenic Rd. Gordonville R1, a son JASON SHANE, October 31
KING, Amos S. (Mary R. King) Kirkwood R1 a daughter LYDIA, October 12
KING, David S. Jr. (Ruth King) 30 Hollander Rd. Gordonville R1, a daughter LINDA, October 29
KING, Isaac F. (Anna E. Lapp) Oxford R1 a son JOHNNIE, October 31
KING, John (Katie Beiler) Paradise R1 a son, October 14
LAPP, Amos E. (Rebecca Ebersol) Gordonville R1 a son ELMER, October 11
LAPP, Christ (Barbara Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son DANIEL S., October 21
LAPP, John S. (Eva S. Lapp) Strasburg R1 a son ELMER L., October 8
LAPP, John S. (Mary King) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son DANIEL, October 16
PETERSHEIM, Christian R. (Fannie K. Fisher) Christiana R1, a son MELVIN F., October 22
STOLTZFUS, Amos (Lydia Esh) 2351 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a daughter RHODA LYNN, October 9
STOLTZFUS, Amos E. (Hannah Yoder) Honey Brook R2, a son MELVIN, October 7
STOLTZFUS, Christ M. (Lavina Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter ANNIE, October 25
STOLTZFUS, Daniel B. (Rebecca King) Honey Brook R1, a daughter SARAH, October 23
STOLTZFUS, Daniel S. (Rebecca G. Fisher) Christiana R1, a son AMOS, October 4
STOLTZFUS, Eli (Annie Miller) Christiana R1 a daughter KATIE, October 6
STOLTZFUS, Ervin (Ruth Fisher) Narvon R2 a son DANIEL RAY, October 13
STOLTZFUS, John B. (Malinda Glick) Leola R1 a son CHRIST G., October 21
STOLTZFUS, John M. (Barbara E. Fisher) 29 Stoltzfus Lane, Leola, a son JOHN B. October 18
STOLTZFUS, Jonathan (Amanda Lapp) Gordonville R1, a son SAMUEL L., October 19
STOLTZFUS, Michael (Barbara King) Narvon R2 a son IVAN, October 27
STOLTZFUS, Samuel L. (Rebecca F. Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1, a daughter BARBARA, October 19
STOLTZFUS, Sol J. (Anna Stoltzfus) Gap R2 a daughter MARY ANN, October 12
STOLTZFUS, Stephen (Fannie Beiler) Gordonville R1 a son STEPHEN JAY, October 6
STOLTZFUS, Stevie (Arie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1 a son SAMUEL JAY, October 17

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Dover, Delaware
MAST, Daniel D. (Betty Miller) Dover R2
a son WILLIAM, October 5

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HERTZLER, Enos (Fannie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville
a daughter MALINDA, October 30

Bradford County, Pennsylvania
NISSLEY, Ervin (Anna Yoder) LeRaysville
a daughter LOVINA, October 17
YODER, Ira D.. (Christena Mast) Roma
a daughter ALTA, October 14

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania
FISHER, Elam S. (Lydia King) Myerstown R2
a daughter RACHEL, October 22
FISHER, Gideon A. (Arie Peachey) Myerstown R2
a son LEROY, October 24
LANTZ, John K. (Bena Stoltzfus) Myerstown R1
a daughter KATHRYN, October 9
LANTZ, Stephen G. (Rachel Lapp) Lebanon R1
a daughter LEAH L., October 26
YODER, Sylvan (Lydia Lanta) Myerstown R2
a daughter LINDA, October 25

Montour County, Pennsylvania
STOLTZFUS, Samuel S. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus)
Bloomsburg R1, a son ISAAC S., October 5

Clinton County, Pennsylvania
KAUFFMAN, Amos (Anna Stoltzfus) Loganton R1
a son SAMUEL, October 2
KAUFFMAN, Levi (Fannie Stoltzfus) Loganton R1
a daughter RACHEL, October 8
STOLTZFUS, Amos (Fannie Fisher) Loganton R1
a daughter EMMA, September 18
STOLTZFUS, Levi (Annie Miller) Loganton R2
a daughter RACHEL, September 27

Snyder County, Pennsylvania
HOSTETLER, Daniel (Lydia A. Yoder) McClure
a daughter DENA, September 1

Union County, Pennsylvania
HOSTETLER, John K.. (Annie N. Yoder)
a daughter SARAH, September 3

Juniata County, Pennsylvania
WEAVER, Ivan A. (Katie Yoder) Mifflintown R2
a son KORE, October 25
WENGERD, Andy M. (Annie Kanagy) Mifflintown R2
a daughter DRUSCILLA, October 26

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania
DETWEILER, Samuel (Annie Peachey) Allensville
a son SAMUEL, October 9
KANAGY, Israel (Annie Peachey) Belleville
a son JESSE, October 10
WENGERD, David (Emma Peachey) Belleville
a son LOUIE, October 6
YODER, Pre. Kore (Elizabeth Swarey) Allensville
a son JACOB, October 1
YODER, Noah (Mattie Kanagy) Mill Creek
a son IVAN, October 23

Centre County, Pennsylvania
BEILER, Eli M. (Mary Glick)
a son ANDREW, October 2
STOLTZFUS, Samuel F. (Lydia Riehl)
a daughter NANCY, October 11

Oakland, Maryland
MILLER, Levi E. (Mary Yoder)
a daughter JULIA MARIE, October 24
SWARTZENTRUBER, David H. (Sylvia Yoder)
a daughter BARBARA SUE, October 6

Somerset County, Pennsylvania
BRENNEMAN, Henry (Rhoda Swartzentruber) Salisbury, twins MIRIAM and MARTHA, by adoption,
born August 20
YODER, John Y.. (Sadie A. Kinsinger) Grantsville, Md.
a son NATHAN, October 3
YODER, Noah B. (Fannie Brenneman) Grantsville, Md.
a son ELI, October 12

Mercer County, Pennsylvania
BYLER, Crist J.. (Martha Byler)
a daughter ELVA, September 24
BYLER, John A.. (Mary Coblentz)
a daughter BARBARA, October 21
COBLENTZ, Wallie (Amanda Byler)
a son DAVID, September 13
MULLET, Melvin J.. (Mary Byler)
a son ERVIN, October 15
WENGERD, Ervon A. (Emma Coblentz)
a son ALLEN, September 22

Crawford County, Pennsylvania
MILLER, Aden (Mattie Wengerd) Springboro R3
a daughter LAURA MAE, October 12
TROYER, Levi (Sylvia Marner) Conneautville R3
a daughter LEAH, October 9

Wayne County, Ohio
MAST, Crist B. (Ruth Graber) Orrville R3
a son IVAN, October 23
MILLER, Andy M. (Lydia Troyer)
a son JACOB, October 17
MILLER, Ben A. (Elizabeth Wengerd) Apple Creek R2
a son ALVIN, October 12
MILLER, John S. (Lydia Ann Hershberger) twins,
a son MOSES, and a dau. MALINDA, October 6
SCHLABACH, Dan C. (Katie J. Miller) Apple Creek R1
a daughter SEVILLA, October 5
SLABAUGH, Eaniel E. (Elizabeth Hershberger)
a son ENOS, October 2
SWARTZENTRUBER, Jacob L. (Mary Miller)
a daughter FANNIE, October 5
TROYER, Eli Jr. (Nettie Troyer) Orrville R3
a son RAYMOND, October 18
TROYER, Henry (Mattie 6oder) Lakeville R1
a daughter ELLA, September 17
YODER, Noah (Ella Yoder) Big Prairie R1
a son DAVID, Sept. 25

Fredericktown, Ohio
BRENNEMAN, Iddo (Ida Beiler)
a daughter MARY, September 21

Conewango Valley, New York

DETWEILER, Ervin (Fanny Miller) twins ERVIN & MERVIN, October 7

KURTZ, Emanuel (Lomie Yoder) a son PHINEAS, October 25

MILLER, Sam D.. (Naomi Kauffman) a son MELVIN, September 2

RABER, Andy (Jemima Detweiler) a son NOAH, October 18

Holmes County, Ohio

BURKHOLDER, Jonas P. (Cathrine Troyer) Millersburg R4, a son REUBEN, September 29

HERSHBERGER, Adam E. (Malinda Troyer) Baltic R1 a son ELI, October 21

HERSHBERGER, Henry E. (Beulah Troyer) a daughter LAURA, October 13

HERSHBERGER, Mr. and Mrs. Mose V., Millersburg R3, a son ROY, October 1

KEIM, Aden L. (Barbara E. Hershberger) Millersburg R5, a daughter MARY, September 24

MAST, Levi C. (Ada Troyer) Dundee R2 a daughter LUELLA, October 14

MILLER, Abe D. (Anna J. Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter ELLA, October 10

MILLER, Daniel I. (Maryann Yoder) a daughter ELLA, October 25

MILLER, Lester R. (Verna L. Miller) Millersburg Star Rt., a son OWEN, September 21

MILLER, Mike D. (Edna A. Yoder) Millersburg R5 a son DELBERT

MILLER, Mose D. (Katie Raber) Baltic R1 a son CRIST, September 29

MILLER, Nelson J. and wife, Millersburg R4 a son, October 17

MILLER, Paul A. (Mabel B. Weaver) Dundee R2 a son, October 1

NISLEY, Dan (Ella Yoder) Millersburg R3 a son DAVID, October 5

RABER, Melvin M. (Fannie A. Schlabach) Millersburg R4, a daughter, September 21

RABER, Noah L. (Ada H. Miller) Mt. Hope a daughter MARY ELLEN, October 12

SCHROCK, Mervin (Lydiann Miller) a son JAMES, October 9

TROYER, Alvin A. and wife, Millersburg a daughter

TROYER, Dea. Levi J. P. (Lizzie Raber) Millersburg R3, a sonNORMAN, October 5

YODER, Amos C. (Verna Yoder) Millersburg R3 a daughter ADA, October 20

YODER, Pre. Crist J. C. (Fannie Troyer) Millersburg a daughter KATHY, October 1

YODER, John R. (Mae A. Miller) Dundee R1 a son LEROY

YODER, Michael E. (Mary J. Bontrager) Millersburg R5 a son ARLEN, October 8

YODER, Roy J. (Sarah Hershberger) Fresno R3 a son, October 3

Ashland, Ohio

BRENNEMAN, Alvin (Katie H. Miller) Ashland R5 a son ALLEN, October 27

WEAVER, William (Mary R. Coblentz) Ashland R5 a son ROY, October 22

Bronson, Michigan

BONTRAGER, Menno (Susie Schlabach) a son ORA, October 1

HERSHBERGER, Wallace (Polly Hershberger) a son WALLACE, JR., October 10

Oscoda County, Michigan

CHUPP, Earl (Erma Troyer) Mio a daughter , August 28

Centreville, Michigan

BORKHOLDER, Obe M. (Laura E. Miller) Centreville R1, a son GLEN OBE, October

TROYER, Alvin (Elma D. Bontrager) Centreville R1 a daughter MIRIAM, October

YODER, Dennis (Alma Hostetler) Colon a son October 7

Allen County, Indiana

GRABER, Jacob (Elizabeth Zehr) New Haven R1 a daughter LEAH, October 15

LENGACHER, Joseph (Kanoshia Schmucker) New Haven R1, a son JOHN ALLEN, October 21

STEURY, David (Marie Lengacher) New Haven R1 a daughter KANOSHIA KAY, October 2

Steuben County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Eli (Maggie Schwartz) Pleasant Lake a daughter MARGARET, October 12

Adams County, Indiana

CHRISTNER, Jake (Barbara Schwartz) Berne R2 a son ABE, in October

EICHER, Ben A. (Lydia Troyer) Berne R2 a daughter EMMA, October 12

EICHER, Paul V. (Margaret Schwartz) Geneva R2 a daughter, October 23

MILLER, Elmer L. (Laura Hilty) Berne R1 a daughter ANNA MARIE, October 13

SCHWARTZ, Enos G. (Irene F. Schwartz) Monroe R1 a daughter, October 25

SCHWARTZ, Joe E. (Martha Eicher) Geneva R2 a son JACOB, in October

SCHWARTZ, Joe N. (Leah J. Graber) Geneva R2 a daughter MARY, October 5

SCHWARTZ, Jonas E. (Emma Eicher) Geneva R2 a daughter MARTHA, in October

SCHWARTZ, Melvin F. (Rebecca Wengerd) Berne R1 a son JOE, in October

WICKEY, Samuel Z. (Margaret U. Schwartz) Berne R1 a daughter MARGARET, September 30

Nappanee, Indiana

BORKHOLDER, Willis (Frieda Helmuth) a daughter LISA, October 22

YODER, Bish. Emery (Pauline Gingerich) Nappanee a son MYRON, in October

YODER, Richard (Betty Anderson) a daughter CARYLIN SUE, October 22

Elkhart County, Indiana

SCHMUCKER, Rudy (Mary Miller) Goshen R1 a son JONATHAN, October 11
SLABAUGH, Elmer (Rosa Burkholder) Goshen R1 a son, October 27
STUTZMAN, Joe (Ruth Ann Bender) Middlebury R3 a daughter JULIE RAE, October 5
WHETSTONE, Dave (Alma Helmuth) Goshen R7 a daughter LORA MAE, October 8
WINGARD, Calvin (Ruby Yoder) Goshen R1 a daughter MARIETTA, October 7
YODER, Edward T. (Carolyn Troyer) Goshen R1 a daughter ANITA FERN, October 27

LaGrange County, Indiana

BEECHY, Alvin W..(Wilma Schrock) LaGrange R4 a daughter MARY A., October 16
BONTRAGER, Delbert (Susie Yoder) Topeka R2 a son LA VERN ,October 12
BYLER, Mervin (Rebecca Jones) LaGrange R 1 a son KENNETH RAY, October 7
GRABER, Henry (Mary Kay Yoder) LaGrange R4 a daughter WILMA H.., October 15
MILLER, Henry (Edna Yoder) LaGrange R4 a son WILBUR, October 5
MILLER, Perry (Arlene Lehman) LaGrange R4 a son MAYNARD, October 15
MILLER, LaVern R. (Polly Ann Lehman) Middlebury R3, a daughter MARY ESTHER, October 21
MILLER, Perry A. (Elizabeth Miller) Topeka R2 a daughter ROSE ELLA, October 20
MILLER, Willard P. (LuElla Mae Mast) LaGrange R2 a daughter MARY KATHRYN, October 23
SCHROCK, Abe (Miriam Lambright) LaGrange R4 a son JOHN, October 9
SCHROCK Truman, Jr. (Edna Gingerich) Shipshewana R1, a daughter IDA T., September 29
TROYER, Glenn (Vera Miller) Topeka R1 a daughter DORIS G, October 2
YODER, Perry (Anna Beechy) Topeka R1 a daughter IRENE, October 1
YODER, Wilbur (Karen Sue Miller) a daughter TREVA KAY, September 21

Daviess County, Indiana

GRABER, Ora (Mary Graber) a daughter LEAH, September 19
KEMP, Amos (Naomi Wittmer) a daughter ADA MARIE, October 1
KNEPP, Alva (Mary Ruth Wagler) a son RANDALL, September 20
MARNER, John (Betty Lengacher) a daughter RENEE ELIZABETH, September 13
MARNER, Lester (Sylvia Lengacher) a son MARCUS, September 2
RABER, David (Rosanna Stoll) a son JOHN, October 1
WAGLER, Henry (Sarah Catherine Lengacher) a son DEWAYNE, October 6

Haven , Kansas

KEIM, Aden (Nettie Yoder) a daughter MARTHA MAE, October 24

Arthur, Illinois

GINGERICH, Leroy (Emma Jo Miller) a daughter MARY, October 16
HELMUTH, Jake (Fannie Mae Herschberger) a daughter WILMA, October 27
HERSCHBERGER, Levi (Lizzie Ann Miller) a son WILMER, October 10
HERSCHBERGER, Monroe (Mary Stutzman) a daughter AMANDA, October 17
KAUFFMAN, Joe (Edna Miller) a daughter LORENE, October 2
SCHROCK, Sam (Suvilla Schrock) a son, October 17

Pike County, Missouri

BURKHOLDER, Sam (Barbara Schrock) Bowling Green, a son JOSEPH, September 11
KEMP, Joe (Emma Girod) Curryville a daughter JOSEPHINE, September 14
LEE, Eli (Susan Borntrager) Curryville a daughter KATIE, September 25
MAST, Phenias (Martha Wagler) Bowling Green a son ALVIN, October 26
MILLER, Jacob (Mary Ann Yoder) Bowling Green a daughter ELIZABETH, September 12
SCHWARTZ, Amos (Rhoda Troyer) Curryville a son JERRY, September 25

Audrain County, Missouri

BEACHY, Samuel (Mayr Gingerich) Clark a son RUDY S., October 31
BORNTREGER, Levi M. (Lizzie Borntreger) Madison a daughter SUSIE, October 14
BORNTREGER, Willie D..(Mattie Bontrager) Clark a son JOHN, October 11
BURKHOLDER, Moses C. (Eva Beachy) Clark a daughter SARAH, October 4
GINGERICH, Jonas C. (Anna Yoder) Clark a son JONAS, JR., October 28
GINGERICH, Moses N.(Ada Bontrager) Madison a daughter BARBARA, October 29
MILLER, Ura M .(Barbara Yoder) Clark a son ALLEN, October
YODER, Reuben C. (Amelia Petersheim) Clark a son CHRISTIAN, October 17

Jamesport, Missouri

SCHROCK, Elvin C. (Rosa Graber) a son CHRISTIE, October 1
STUTZMAN, Edward J. (Edna Yoder) a daughter LEANNA, October 27
YODER, Daniel H .(Nancy Schrock) a son IVAN, October 16

Buchanan County, Iowa

DETWEILER, Freeman (Susie Miller) Independence a son ANDY, October 13
KURTZ, Harvey (Clara Miller) Hazleton a daughter SARAH, October 12
YODER, Amos (Katie Mullet) Independence a son ABRAHAM, October 2
YUTZY, David (Katie Shetler) Hazleton a son DAVID JR., October 27
YUTZY, John (Katie Hershberger) Independence a son DANIEL, September 30

Johnson County, Iowa

MILLER, Alvin (Ella Beachy)
a daughter, October 1
ROPP, Cecil (Dorothy Helmuth)
a daughter **NORMA LYNETTE**, October 5
ROPP, Norman (Mary Jane Helmuth)
twins **PERRY & PAULINE**, October 4
YODER, Chris (Eldora Mast)
a daughter **LOUISE**, October 8
YODER, Solomon (Katie Gingerich)
a daughter **IRENE**, October 20

Amherst, Wisconsin

BORNTRAGER, Tobe (Mary Stutzman) Amherst
a daughter **NETTIE**, October 4

Blair, Wisconsin

YODER, Levi (Ida Mast)
a daughter **MIRIAM**, October 2

Cashton, Wisconsin

MILLER, Andy G. (Martha Miller)
a son, October 31
TROYER, Noah R. (Rebecca Miller)
a daughter **ELMINA**, October 9

Medford, Wisconsin

LAMBRIGHT, Harvey (Rhoda Yoder)
a son **ELI**, in October
MILLER, Jacob Jr. (Alma Schmucker)
a son **JOHN HENRY**, October 30
OTTO, Henry (Polly Stutzman)
a son **ANDY**, in October
SCHROCK, Ora (Sylvia Schmucker)
a son **ORA**, in October

Norwich, Ontario

SHETLER, Dan D. Jr. (Anna Miller) Norwich R1
a daughter **SARAH**, October 20

Grey County, Ontario

GINGERICH, Amos J. (Katie Wengerd) Desboro R2
a son **SAMUEL**, October 24
HERSHBERGER, Levi J. (Barbara Gingerich) Chesley R4, a son **LEVI**, October 12

Milverton, Ontario, Canada

JANTZI, Cornelius (Mary Ann Streicher) Milverton R2
a son **MATTHEW NEAL**, September 28
KUEPFER, Aaron (Phoebe Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a daughter **MARY**, October 13
KUEPFER, Isaac (Christena Kuepfer) Newton R1
a son **ALVIN**, October 5
KUEPFER, Jacob (Martha Jantzi) Newton R1
a daughter **ELIZABETH ANN**, October 13

WADENA, MINN. ACCIDENT

Malinda, three-year-old daughter of Mose P. Gingerichs, fell down through a hole in the granery after church Sunday, Oct. 27th. She had a fractured skull and was in the hospital overnight, but they let her go home as she was afraid of the nurses. She could not relax till she got home. She will have to go back to the hospital for checkups.

OBITUARIES

ESCH, Susan Marie, age 3, Gap R2, Pa.

died Oct. 14th from injuries in a farm accident (see front page). Born in Lancaster County, she was a daughter of David G. and Sylvia S. (Esh) Esch. Surviving in addition to her parents are two brothers, Daniel and David at home; a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Leah Esh, Intercourse; paternal grandparents, Samuel M. and Sylvia Esch, Ronks R1, and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Smucker, Gordonville R1. Her age was 3 yr., 11 mo., 14 days.

Funeral services were held at the late home on Wed., Oct. 16th, by Pre. Stephen Esh and Pre. Daniel Diener; hymn read by Dea. Levi Esh; services at graveyard by Pre. Amos E. Stoltzfus and Pre. Emanuel B. Zook; burial was in Gordonville Cemetery.

HOSTETLER, Mahlon, 74, LaGrange Co., Ind.

died Oct. 28 (see front page). He was born Oct. 7, 1900. He leaves his wife, Lizzie (Schrock) Hostetler, four sons and eight daughters. Funeral services were held Oct. 31st.

HOSTETLER, Owen D., 79, Topeka R1, Ind.

died Monday, Oct. 14th, at 5 p.m. at his home following an illness of five days. He was born in LaGrange County Sept. 20, 1895, a son of David D. and Leah (Lambright) Hostetler. He was married in LaGrange Nov. 25, 1920, to Elizabeth Miller, who survives. Also surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Harvey Lambright of LaGrange, Mrs. Daniel Bontrager, Mrs. Ernest Miller and Mrs. Harley Fry, all of Topeka, Mrs. Perry Glick of Ridgeway, Ohio, and Mrs. Amos Bontrager of Mt. Victory, Ohio; four sons, Freeman, Orva and Owen Jr., all of Topeka, and David of Kenton, Ohio; 92 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the late home by Pre. Daniel Otto and Pre. Harley Lambright. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

KING, Levi S., 33, Ronks R1, Pa.

died Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 4:30 p.m. at his home, of suffocation during a seizure. All his life he was subject to epileptic seizures. Born in Lancaster Co., he was a son of Samuel K. and Mattie (Stoltzfus) King. Surviving in addition to his parents are these brothers and sisters, Susie S., Annie S., and Priscilla S., all at home; Enos S., Rebersburg; Benuel S., Ronks R1; and Rebecca, wife of Isaac E. Beiler, Quarryville R3; maternal grandparents, Levi and Susie Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie S. King, Paradise R1. His age was 33 years and 5 days.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 5, by Samuel K. Stoltzfus and Jonas K. Esh, hymn read by Jonas King; hymn at graveyard read by John S. Stoltzfus; abschied by Israel Beiler. Burial was in the Bart Amish Cemetery.

KUEPFER, Chris S., 68, of Milverton, Ontario

died Oct. 3rd of a heart attack. He had been in the hospital about four days. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuepfer. Surviving are his wife, Nancy (Lebold) Kuepfer, two sons, Elmer and Lloyd, both of Linwood R4, three daughters, Mrs. Aaron (Esther) Zehr and Mrs. Jonas (Laura) Kuepfer, both of Linwood R1, and Mrs. Cornelius (Marie) Kuepfer of Newton R1; a brother, Andrew of Listowel; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Katie) Kuepfer and Mrs. Dan (Emma) Zehr of Newton R1; and 28 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, three brothers and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7th at the home of his son, Lloyd, by Joe N. Jantzi. Burial was in the 7th line cemetery.

MILLER, Infant, of Topeka R1, Ind.

son of Christy E. and Carolyn (Mast) Miller, was stillborn Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Miller Cemetery.

MILLER, Mary Ann, 95, Wellman, Iowa

died Sept. 29th at the home of her son, Jesse, at the age of 95 yr., 5 mo., and 3 days. Born April 26, 1879 in Holmes Co., Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Jonas and Dinah (Beachy) Miller. She was married in Holmes Co. Feb. 4, 1902 to Oba J. Miller. They lived near Goshen, Ind. until moving to the Kalona, Ia. area in Oct. 1925. Oba passed away May 14, 1957; she then married Joe J. Miller (one armed) in 1958; Joe passed away May 2, 1968. Surviving are seven children, Ora O. of Middlebury, Ind., Mrs. Omar (Laura) Miller, Mrs. C. Jay (Dinah) Miller, Mrs. Paul (Viola) Gingerich, and Mrs. Ray (Anna Mae) Beachy, all of Kalona, Ira of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jesse of Wellman, with whom she resided; 48 grandchildren, 11r great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She was the last survivor of 12 children, her death was attributed to infirmities of old age.

Funeral services were held at the Jeff Ropp home Oct. 2nd, by Bishop Truman Miller and Bishop Glen Bender in the large house, and by Pre. Sam D. Mast and Bishop Enos Swartzentruber in the basement of the small house. Burial was in the Peter Miller Cemetery beside her first husband.

RIEHL, Susie B., 60, of Ronks R1, Pa.

died at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Monday evening, Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m., where she had been a patient ten days. She was the wife of Aaron D. Riehl and a daughter of the late David and Susan (Beiler) Ebersol. Due to an illness when she was joining church she was baptized at home in bed by Aaron Esh. She had her left leg amputated below the knee five years ago and her one toe on the right foot removed two years ago. She had been in the hospital from Aug. 3rd to the 27th because of fluid on her heart and was in bed most of the time between August and October when she had been at home. Her age was 60 yr., 8 mo., 16 days. In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following children, Annie, wife of Benuel King, Narvon R1, John E. Riehl, Gap R1, David E. Riehl, Narvon R1, Esther, wife of Banjamin Lapp, and Lydia, wife of Samuel Stoltzfus, both of Rebersburg, Gideon P. Riehl, Narvon R1, and Emanuel B. Riehl, Ronks R1; 26 grandchildren; two brothers, Leroy Ebersol, Leola R1, and Amos Ebersol, Narvon R2; and a sister, Esther, wife of Christ Fisher, Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10th, short services in the house by Henry Esh, hymn read by Christ B. Riehl, further services at the Jacob Beiler home by Elam Beiler of Centre Co. and Aaron Esh, hymn read by John K. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by Daniel Diener; abschied by Lloyd Beiler; burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

SCHWARTZ, Lizzie, 2 months, Clark, Mo.

died Sept. 30th at the University Hospital. Her twin sister, Lydia, preceded her in death seven weeks earlier. Parents are Jakie and Rachel (Borntreger) Schwartz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schwartz, Bowling Green, Mo., and Mose and Rachel Borntreger of Clark, Missouri.

Short funeral services were held at the home the next day by Pre. Rudy S. Bontrager of Bowling Green, Missouri.

WEAVER, Mrs. Mary, 85, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Friday afternoon, Oct. 4, at the Millersburg Hospital where she was admitted Monday afternoon when she had breathing problems from a chest cold. She was born Feb. 22, 1889 in Holmes County to the late Bishop Sol Y. and Christina (Yoder) Schlabach. She was married to Levi T. Weaver on Dec. 16, 1909. Surviving are her husband; two sons and seven daughters, Ervin, Sol, Mrs. Atlee (Fannie) Kauffman, and Mrs. Levi (Sovilla) Miller, all of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. John (Ida) Mast, and Mrs. Jacob (Sarah) Hershberger, of Millersburg Star Route, Amanda of Berlin, and Clara and Ada, both of the home; 49 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 68 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 7th, at the Sol Weaver home by Bishop Andy Weaver; services were also held at the Atlee Kauffman home; burial was in the Helmuth Cemetery.

YODER, Mrs. Anna, 87, of Benton, Ohio

died at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the residence following a long illness. She was born June 29, 1887 in Holmes County, a daughter of Jonathan C. and Anna (Miller) Miller. She was married to David K. Yoder who preceded her in death June 10, 1961. Surviving are seven sons, Dan of Berlin, O., Joni of Belleville, Pa., Melvin of California, Sam of Millersburg Star Rt., David of Millersburg R4, Lester of Millersburg R1, and Noah of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Dan Mast of Benton, O., Mrs. Abe Mast of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Wesley Ropp of Harrisonburg, Va.; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and one step-sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Coblentz of Uniontown, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Sam Hershberger residence by Bishop John Fry. Burial was in the Levi Hochstetler Cemetery.

YODER, Mrs. Edna J., 80, Middlebury R3, Ind.
died Oct. 25th at 8:35 p.m. at Goshen Hospital where she was a patient for nine days following a truck-buggy accident (see front page). She was born in Haven, Kansas Oct. 23, 1894, and had lived around Middlebury, Ind. 37 years. She was married March 31, 1912, to John I. Yoder, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Reuben (Anna) Schrock of Goshen, Mrs. Daniel (Elizabeth) Yoder of Middlebury, and Mrs. Sam (Mary) Petersheim of R2 Bristol; five sons, Levi, Enos, and Andrew, all of Middlebury, Harley and Amos, both of Goshen R1; 42 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Betsy Miller of Haven, Kansas, Mrs. William (Susie) Yoder of Topeka, and Mrs. Katie Troyer of Burlington, Colo.; three brothers, David of Plain City, Ohio, Amos J. A. of Fairbank, Iowa, and Enos J. of Hartley, Delaware.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 29 at the Harry Stutzman home by Bishop Felty Yoder, Pre. Harry Stutzman, and Pre. David Nissley. Pall bearers were Crist Miller, Eli Bontrager, Lloyd Yoder, and Kenneth Stutzman. Burial was in the Bontrager Cemetery.

YODER, Joseph H., 90, Middlebury R3, Ind.
died Wednesday, Oct. 9, at his home. He had been in poor health several weeks. He was born in LaGrange County Oct. 15, 1883. He was married in 1902, to Amanda Sunthimer, who preceded him in death in 1931; he married Annie Fry in 1945; she preceded him in death Jan. 1, 1962. Surviving are three sons, Edward of Topeka, and Joe and Fred, both of Middlebury; five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Mary) Lapp of Kalona, Iowa, Lizzie Yoder and Mrs. Albert (Rachel) Miller, both of Middlebury, Mrs. Levi J. (Amelia) Raber of Millersburg, and Mrs. Solomon (Amanda) Miller of Goshen; 37 grandchildren and 124 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the home, southeast of Middlebury, by Bishop Ervin Bontrager. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

HARTVILLE, OHIO BARN FIRE

Fire destroyed a barn and attached straw shed on the former Wallace Byler farm on Andrew Street, just off Kent Avenue shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday eve. Also lost in the blaze were 10 calves, a bull, tractor, hay baler and other miscellaneous equipment, in addition to hay and grain. The farm is presently occupied by the Eli Hershberger family. Firemen were able to save two attached silos, which were filled, and several tool sheds which were blistered by the heat.

PA. CHICKEN HOUSE FIRE

A fire started about 4:30 a.m. Oct. 16th on the farm of Jonas S. Beiler, Ronks R1, ½ mile south of Bird-in-Hand. The fire, which was started by a gas heater in the egg room, ravaged the chicken house, killing 1,600 layer hens. Damage was estimated at about $2,000.

BAPTISMS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Millcreek – Mascot District
September 15, by Bishop Aaron Esh
Barbara, dau. of Ben and Barbara Riehl
Priscilla, dau. of Ben and Lizzie Kauffman
Sara Ann, dau. of John K. and Sarah Stoltzfus
October 27
Rebecca, dau. of Levi and Lizzie Stoltzfus
North Beaver Creek District
September 15, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp
Amos, son of Christ and Sarah (Lapp) Fisher
Samuel, son of Elmer and Susie (Lapp) Fisher
Isaac, son of Henry and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Stephen, son of Elmer and Susie (Lapp) Fisher
Annie, dau. of Paul and Lavina (Lapp) Stoltzfus
Bena, dau. of Eli and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus
Esther, dau. of Aaron and Ruth (Smoker) Fisher
Rebecca, dau. of Christ and Sarah (Lapp) Fisher
Verna, dau. of Paul and Lavina (Lapp) Stoltzfus

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania
East District, September 22
by Bishop Isaac H. Zook
Jonas, son of Isaac and Mattie (Lapp) Zook
Annie, dau. of Isaac and Mattie (Lapp) Zook
West District, September 28
by Bishop Isaac H. Zook
Jacob, son of Eli and Lizzie (Peachey) Stoltzfus
Abner, son of Reuben and Fannie (Zook) Stoltzfus
Annie, dau. of Reuben and Fannie (Zook) Stoltzfus
Katie, dau. of Levi and Annie (Glick) Lapp
Mary, dau. of Annie and the late Isaac Lapp
Rebecca, dau. of John and Rachel (Fisher) Lapp

Clinton County, Pennsylvania
September 22, by Bishop Daniel E. Stoltzfus
John, son of John and Rachel (Kauffman) Fisher
John, son of Samuel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher
Ben, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Kauffman) Esh
Annie, dau. of John and Rachel (Kauffman) Fisher
Rachel, dau. of John and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman

Utica, Ohio
Mervin, son of Freeman and Fannie (Bontrager) Mast
Marlin, son of Lester and Miriam (Bontrager) Miller
Mary Esther, dau. of Freeman & Fannie (Bontrager) Mast
Linda, dau. of Melvin and Orpha (Yoder) Hershberger
Miriam, dau. of Emanuel and Fannie (Miller) Yoder
Lucinda, dau. of Melvin and Alta (Hershberger) Yoder

Mio, Michigan
September 22
by Bishop John Troyer, Shipshewana, Ind.
Melvin, son of Melvin Gingerich
Susan, dau. of Jake Kurtz of Burton, Ohio

Stuben County, Indiana
September 22, by Bishop Ruben S. Bontrager
Barbara, dau. of Henry Mast
Fannie, dau. of Amos Bontrager

LaGrange County, Indiana
by Bishop Ervin Hochstetler, in September
Ray, son of Albert and Lydia Mae (Lambright) Miller
Freeman, son of Monroe and Mary (Schrock) Bontrager
Mary, dau. of Albert and Lydia Mae (Lambright) Miller
Alma, dau. of Dan and Ida Mae (Hershberger) Lehman
Wilma, dau. of the late Tobe and Lizzie Ann Miller
Phyllis, dau. of Alvin and Mary Ann (Miller) Yoder

Nappanee, Indiana
North Millwood District
September 1, by Bishop Uriah Mast, Etna Green
Rosa, dau. of Dan and Anna (Slabaugh) Stutzman
Treva, dau. of Dan and Anna (Slabaugh) Stutzman
Southeast Milford District, September 8
by Bishop Amos Lehman, Nappanee R2, Ind.
Paul, son of Roman and Malinda (Kuhns) Miller
John, son of Cletus and Fannie (Whetstone) Hochstetler
Mary Alice, dau. of Omar and Wilma (Hochstetler) Hochstetler

Milroy, Indiana
October 20
by Bishop Pete Yoder, Marshfield, Missouri
Ernie, son of Alve Waglers
Stephen, son of John Schmidts '
Lucy, dau. of John Schmidts

Daviess County, Indiana
Middle West District
October 6, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp
Delilah, dau. of the late Peter & Mary Wagler
Janet, dau. of Joe Stolls
Verna, dau. of Mahlon Waglers

Guthrie, Kentucky
by Bishop Simon M. Yoder
Allen, son of Ray Detweilers
Melvin, son of Ben Kanagys
Sammy, son of Roman Coblentz
Leroy, son of John Masts
Marvin, son of John Beachys
Vernon, son of Elmer Hochstetlers
Rebecca, dau. of Sam Swareys
Ruth, dau. of Owen Schlabach
Dale Ann, dau. of Melvin Yoders

Garnett, Kansas
by Bishop Jerry Yoder
Marvin, son of Benedict and Lizzie (Miller) Yoder
Lydia Mae, dau. of Benedict and Lizzie (Miller) Yoder
Charlotte, dau. of Alvin and Dora (Helmuth) Beachy

Audrain County, Missouri
Southeast District, October 6
Bennie, son of Dea. Tobias and Sarah Miller
Betty, dau. of Eli and Sarah Shrock
Southwest District, October 13
Noah, son of Pre. Noah and Lydia Gingerich
Edna, dau. of Joe and Lydia Miller
Miriam, dau. of Jakie and Mary Gingerich
Sadie, dau. of Mose and Amanda Bontrager
Northwest District, October 6
John, son of Dea. Daniel and Susie Borntreger
Katie, dau. of Jerry and Anna Borntrager
Ada, dau. of Mahlon and Barbara Hochstetler
Northeast District, October 20
Levi, son of Eddie and Anna Petersheim
Anna, dau. of Pre. Daniel and Lydia Beachy

Buchanan County, Iowa
Southeast District, October 20
by Bishop Ura Yoder, Bowling Green, Missouri
Perry, son of Abe J. Yoders
David, son of Dan Helmuths
Henry, son of Christ Rabers
Melvin, son of Dan Beechys

Blair, Wisconsin
September 1, by Bishop Amos Yoder
Rachel, dau. of Raymond and Mary (Mast) Schrock
Malinda, dau. of William and Barbara (Miller) Mast
Lizzie, dau. of Moses and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Miller

Lucknow, Ontario
September 22
by Bishop Abe Troyer of Norwich, Ontario
Eli, son of Noah D. Stutzmans of Norwich, Ont.
Levi, son of Levi A. Millers
Mary, dau. of Dan D. Stutzmans
Lizzie Ann, dau. of Levi A. Millers
Linda, dau. of Eli D. Gingerichs
Annie, dau. of Dan D. Stutzmans

ARTHUR, ILL. ACCIDENT

At the home of Ben W. Gingerich they were building a new house and had the basement dug when his son, John Marcus, age 19, was leveling the ground with a tractor scoop. He drove too close to the basement and it caved in, throwing the tractor over into the basement and on its side with the boy partly underneath. When he was removed they took him to the doctor, who sent him to the Champaign Hospital where he was operated on for a bruised liver and was in intensive care for a week. He was then on the way to recovery but remained at the hospital.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Nappanee, Indiana

Mrs. Lizzie Burkholder, 75, of Nappanee R3, had her right leg amputated above the knee on Oct. 14th at St. Joe Hospital in Mishawaka, Ind. She had gangerene in her big toe and very poor circulation in the lower leg. She has had diabetes about 15 years and has been blind seven years. She was in the hospital three weeks.

Henry, age 4, son of Raymond and Rosemary (Miller) Hochstetler of Nappanee R3, got his legs mangled quite badly in a self-unloading wagon on Oct. 25th. One leg is broken and the other very badly bruised. He was taken to St. Joe Hospital in Mishawaka, Indiana.

ORDINATIONS

Dover, Delaware

William Beachy, 31, Dover R2, was ordained minister in Middle District, Oct. 12th. He is a son of Matilda (Schrock) and the late Daniel J. Beachy, and is married to Lydia Mast.

Henry H. Detweiler Jr., 30, Dover R2, was ordained minister in South District, Oct. 6th. He is a son of Henry J. and Anna Detweiler, and is married to Barbara Ann Byler.

Jacob D. Kurtz, 45, Dover R2, was ordained minister in North District, Nov. 3rd. He is a son of Sarah and the late Dan Kurtz, and is married to Rosy Miller.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Enos Esh, 52, Gordonville R1, was ordained bishop in Middle Pequea–West Intercourse District, Oct. 12th. He was ordained minister in 1970. With him in the lot were ministers, Jonas F. King and Jonas S. Esh.

Daniel S. Fisher, 46, Christiana R1, was ordained bishop in Smyrna District, Oct. 12th. He was ordained minister in 1967. With him in the lot were ministers, Samuel S. Zook and Emanuel S. Fisher.

Daniel S. Lapp, 39, Strasburg R1, was ordained minister in North Beaver Creek District, Oct. 12th. He is a son of Bishop Amos S. and Barbara Lapp, and is married to Lydia, daughter of Ben and the late Sadie King. With him in the lot of 13 men were Christ F. Fisher, Christ L. Fisher, Henry F. Fisher, Noah B. Lapp, Jacob B. Stoltzfoos, Ephraim K. Miller, Eli S. Ebersol, Jacob K. King, Daniel M. Fisher, Abner S. Glick, Daniel S. Kauffman, and Jonas M. Beiler.

Isaac F. King, 28, Oxford R1, was ordained minister in West Nine Points District, Oct. 17th. He is a son of Barbara and the late John B. King, and is married to Anna, daughter of Pre. Amos L. and Lydia Lapp. With him in the lot of 9 men were Elam E. Lapp, Stephen M. Stoltzfus, John F. King, Samuel L. Stoltzfus, Amos S. Stoltzfus, Samuel M. Stoltzfus, Jacob E. Kauffman, and Christ B. King.

Gideon K. King, 37, Gap R1, was ordained bishop in North White Horse District, Oct. 18th. He was ordained minister in 1969. With him in the lot was Pre. Jacob S. Smucker.

Elam K. King, 38, Ronks R1, was ordained minister in Upper Pequea–Strasburg District, Oct. 18th. He is a son of Ben and the late Sadie King, and is married to Emma, daughter of Saloma and the late Isaac F. Lapp. With him in the lot of 11 men were Levi S. Fisher, Samuel F. Fisher, Elam S. Beiler, Jacob J. Fisher, Ammon F. Fisher, Joseph S. Lapp, Jesse J. Lapp, Samuel E. Fisher, Isaac S. Lapp, and David B. Fisher.

John E. Stoltzfus, 38, Gap R1, was ordained minister in South Spring Garden District, Oct. 19th. He is a son of Isaac L. and Barbara Stoltzfus, and is married to Edna, daughter of Melvin A. and Fannie Stoltzfus. With him in the lot of 4 men were Elmer S. Stoltzfus, Jonathan E. Smucker, and Levi S. Beiler.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

John K. Esh, 26, Loganton R2, was ordained minister in Sugar Valley District, Oct. 20th. He is a son of Pre. Henry P. Esh of Lancaster County, and is married to Annie, daughter of John A. and Annie Kauffman of Sugar Valley. With him in the lot of 8 men were Stephen F. Stoltzfus, Ben K. Esh, Sam K. Stoltzfus, Levi Stoltzfus, David Fisher, Samuel Fisher, and Stephen Fisher.

Holmes County, Ohio

Abe L. Miller was ordained minister in Eli E. Hershberger East District.

Floyd E. Troyer was ordained bishop in Eli E. Hershberger West District.

Mose C. Wengerd, 52, Millersburg R2, was ordained minister in West Clark District, Oct. 5th. He is a son of Crist Wengerds of Dundee, and is married to a daughter of Mose P. Millers. There were 9 men in the lot.

Jacob J. Miller, 26, was ordained minister in the Elm Grove District, Oct. 9th. He is a son of Pre. John J. Millers, and is married to Mary Ann, daughter of Aaron D. Schlabachs.

John J. Miller was ordained bishop in Holmesville District, Oct. 22nd.

Wayne County, Ohio

Ervin A. Weaver, 43, Dalton R2, was ordained minister, Oct. 6th. He is a son of Bishop Andy J. Weaver.

Wyman D. Miller, 42, Orrville R3, was ordained minister in Orrville East District, Oct. 20th.

Ashland, Ohio

John K. Brenneman, 26, was ordained bishop in Northeast District, Oct. 8th.

Adams County, Indiana

Simon Troyer, 53, Berne R1, was ordained minister, Oct. 1st. He is a son of the late Cornealius and Emma Troyer, and is married to a daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Joseph L. Schwartz.

Jerry Wickey, 25, Monroe R1, was ordained minister, Oct. 5th. He is a son of Pre. and Mrs. Jacob D. Wickey, and is married to Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Schwartz.

Melvin R. Yoder, 27, Berne R2, was ordained minister, Oct. 6th. He is a son of Pre. and Mrs. Truman Yoder, and is married to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Christner.

Paul H. Schwartz, 25, Monroe R1, was ordained deacon, Oct. 12th. He is a son of Pre. and Mrs. Henry H. Schwartz, and is married to Amanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shetler. With hin in the lot was Elmer Miller.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Homer Schwartz, 24, Goshen R1, was ordained minister in West Clinton District, Oct. 13th. He is a son of John and Edna (Schlabach) Schwartz Jr. of Nappanee, and is married to Etta Fern, daughter of Alvin and Mary (Yoder) Miller. With him in the lot were Ira Borkholder, Vernon Troyer, Larry Miller, Olen Yoder, and Calvin Wingard.

Leonard H. Miller, 42, Shipshewana R2, was ordained bishop in Northeast Barrens District, Oct. 20th. He is a son of Bishop Henry N. and Molly (Bontrager) Miller, and is married to Ruby, daughter of Bishop Jerry and Iva Slabaugh of Nappanee.

Jacob Petersheim, 59, Topeka R1, was ordained bishop in Southeast Honeyville District. He is married to Sarah, daughter of the late John and Susan Schrock.

Ezra E. Miller, 42, LaGrange R4, was ordained minister in Eli Lehman South LaGrange District, Oct. 20th. He is a son of Enos and the late Ida (Yoder) Miller, and is married to Anna, daughter of the late Sam J. and Fannie (Schrock) Bontrager.

William Schrock, 29, was ordained minister in Amzie Troyer East Howe District, Oct. 19th. He is a son of Levi and Mary W. (Bontrager) Schrock, and is married to Millie, daughter of Andrew L. and Amanda (Yoder) Mast.

Maynard Miller, 26, was ordained minister in Menno D. Yoder South Topeka District. He is a son of Orva A. and Elma (Miller) Miller, and is married to Barbara, daughter of Amos and the late Edna (Yoder) Wickey.

Glen Bontrager, 26, Shipshewana R1, was ordained minister in John Troyer South Shipshewana District. He is a son of Daniel E. and Mary (Hostetler) Bontrager, and is married to Wilma, daughter of Ora and and Anna (Troyer) Hostetler.

Christy Yoder, 26, LaGrange R1, was ordained deacon in Will A. Yoder South Clearspring District. He is a son of Tobe and the late Lydiann (Miller) Yoder, and is married to Katie Mast of Orrville, Ohio.

Henry Miller, 26, was ordained minister. He is a son of Levi J. S. and Anna (Mast) Miller, and is married to Saraetta, daughter of Elton and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Miller.

Freddie Miller, 34, LaGrange R1, was ordained minister in East LaGrange District. He is a son of Jacob S. S. and Wilma (Troyer) Miller, and is married to Mary Ellen, daughter of Joseph D. and Lizzie (Bontrager) Frey.

Nappanee, Indiana

Ura Hochstetler, 32, Nappanee R2, was ordained minister, Oct. 13th. He is a son of Manasses and the late Millie (Borkholder) Hochstetler, and is married to Miriam, daughter of John E. and Mary Alice (Yoder) Miller

Harvey Stutzman, 58, Nappanee R2, was ordained minister in Hepton North District, Oct. 27th. He is a son of the late Levi and Emma (Hochstetler) Stutzman, and is married to Inez, daughter of the late Ruben and Fannie (Farmwald) Yoder.

Arthur, Illinois

Melvin L. Miller, 40, was ordained minister in the Cris Otto District, Oct. 16th. He is a son of Levi B. and the late Rebecca (Schrock) Miller, and is married to Viola, daughter of Ervin Gingerich.

David E. Schrock, 26, was ordained minister in the Edward Nisley District, Oct. 20th. He is a son of Enos U. and Lovina (Schrock) Schrock, and is married to Lucy, daughter of Clarance Stutzman.

Jamesport, Missouri

Menno A. Mast, 33, was ordained minister in the Middle District, Oct. 21st. He is a son of Amos U. and Esther Mast, and is married to Lucy, daughter of Lizzie (Beachy) and the late Sylvanus Kauffman.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Menno Schwarz Jr. was ordained bishop in Middle East District, Oct. 13th.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Amos M. Borntreger, 35, was ordained bishop, Oct. 6th. He is a son of Mose and Mary (Borntreger) Borntreger, and is married to a daughter of Eli Gingerich from Clark, Mo. With him in the lot were Ben C. Borntreger and Marvin Yoder.

GUTHRIE, KY. FARM ACCIDENT

Leroy, age 17, son of John Mast, lost four fingers in a corn picker accident on Oct. 7th. He spent over a week in a Nashville hospital where they spoke favorably of fitting him with artificial fingers.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Amherst, Wisconsin

Amos, age 9, son of Bishop Christ C. Borntreger of Amherst R1, was admitted to the Stevens Point Hospital with a badly broken arm, which he received when he fell off a small stool with one leg broken off. They had to operate and put in a plate.

HOLMES CO., OHIO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Ab D. Troyer and son Norman, of Baltic R1, were on their way to her daughter's, Pre. and Mrs. Henry stutzman, when some dogs scared their horse, which turned the buggy over. She is laid up with five broken ribs, her shoulder was hurt, and she had a punctured lung. She was in the hospital for a week. Norman was not hurt much.

MIFFLIN CO., PA. ACCIDENT

Jonathan, age 6, son of Jonathan and Susie Swarey fell off the wagon while hauling hay. A bale slipped off knocking him off too, the wagon going over him. He seemed to have no broken bones but they kept him in the hospital a few days to watch him.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Oakland, Maryland

Eddie, age 7, son of Bishop Norman Schrocks, was taken to University Hospital at Morgantown, W. Va. with a new sickness called "Ascendingpolyneuritis" which they haven't found medication for yet. There are very few cases of it. He is helpless except for turning his head. In our language it would be called "Creeping Paralysis."

UTICA, OHIO ACCIDENT

Paul, son of Jake Miller, was hit by a car while riding home from church on his bicycle on Oct. 6th. He was taken to the hospital for first-aid and was released. His face was badly bruised on the right side, he had a few stitches in his lip, and a bad cut above his lips.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Full M. 1st	Last Q. 8th	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	New M. 15th	First Q. 23rd

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

October, although bright and blue, brought unusually cool weather and early frost. The month, in general, was dry even though we had 2 in. rain on the 16th, the only measurable rainfall for the month. Our first killing frost came on the 4th with temperature at 25 degrees; a low of 24 on the 20th and again on the 22nd. High for the month was 80 degrees on the 6th. Fall seeding was done in usual time but growth is very slow due to the cool and dry weather. Farmers started hucking corn, although most is put through the shredder. Corn price peaked at around $4.00 @ bu. and has dropped nearly a dollar since. Soybean harvest is well along, the dry weather favors this. Bean prices peaked around 8.00 and have dropped over a dollar. Both corn and beans are a heavy crop. Feed-grain costs and meat on the hoof prices are still far out of balance.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

October 1974 was about the nicest October I can recall, with lots of "bright, blue" weather; one inch rain the 16th; a few snow flurries the 20th. Oct. 19th thru the 23rd it was in the 20's with hard frost every morning. The last week was unusually warm with children barefooted and no wraps.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for Bareville area was 1.7 inches. The morning of Oct. 3rd we had a temperature of 22 to 25 degrees. Oct. 20 to 22 we also had morning temperature from 20 to 25 degrees. The last week of the month was very pleasant and calm. October had two full moons.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, $42 to $48 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle, $22 to $35 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $38 to 42.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, 42¢ to 54¢ per lb.; Dairy Cattle at New Holland, $450 to $710 per head; Large Eggs, 63¢ doz.; Light Fowl, 7¢ per lb., heavy, 18¢ per lb.; Pullets, 50¢ per lb.; Ducks, 55¢ per lb.; Potatoes, retail, $4.00 to 4.50 Cwt.; New Ear Corn, $75 Ton; Old Ear Corn, $109 to $130 Ton; Corn, bu., 3.70; Wheat, 4.15 bu.; Barley, 2.40 bu.; Oats, 1.80 bu.; Straw, $40 to $47 Ton; Hay, $35 to $68 Ton.

by Ammon F. Fisher

October started in cool and cloudy, 40 to 55 degree temperature. Ground was wet from September rains. Oct. 4 had 24 degrees morning temperature, ground was white with frost. The middle of the month had temperature of from 20 to 35 degrees. The last few days we had 70 degrees. Springs and streams are getting lower. Total rainfall was 1½ inches. A good soaker would be good before the ground freezes.

by Elam S. Beiler

Some very nice fourth cutting hay was made early in the month while others fenced it off for cows as it made good growth again. Rye, barley and wheat are greening nicely although not quite as long as some years due to insufficient rainfall. Corn is almost all husked. We have never seen such a good crop as this year. Lots of farmers' cribs are full and only half of corn picked, then it was piled on barn floors. Some that had picked early said their piles were steaming although we have had good drying weather. A local feed dealer said he can take no more corn this week as he is filled to capacity. Well over half of fodder is in that was roto-beat and baled. Apples are plentiful, are dropping sooner this year, possibly due to our early frost. This has been one of the best crop years we have ever had.

Bradford County, Pennsylvania, by Clemens Nissley

The first week of October was chilly with snow flurries.. The coldest for the month was 15 on the 19th.. On October 21 we had enough snow to track a rabbit. The last ten days were warmer, almost like spring. It is dry. Farmers are busy husking corn and plowing, also cutting firewood.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

There was only one measureable rainfall in October, which was 1.2 inches. Some people were filling silo almost till the end of the month, and some wheat was sowed late. We had some good weather for late haymaking, but the ground is rather dry for this time of the year, Most of the corn is in the cribs; some went in with a lot of moisture. With the wet mornings and warm days that we had the latter part of the month, some corn will probably spoil in the cribs. A lot of people have their cribs full and still some left, as it was a very good corn year.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The month of October was cool and dry. Showers fell on four days during the month. Measurable rain fell on the 15th and 16th with a total of 1.7 inches. Eight days in October recorded freezing temperatures, with the lowest in the low 20's. The last part of the month was very pleasant with Indian Summer weather. Farmers are picking corn and sowing wheat. Wheat fields are getting green.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

October was cold and dry, only 1.1 inch of rain all month. It was mostly clear and cold, going into the low 20's several days. Our growing season this year was only 142 days from frost to frost, 30 days less than normal. Corn is a big crop, and not much of it froze before it was dented; however, it is not ready to crib early. We have seldom seen as many acorns and walnuts as there are this fall. Apples are a fair crop and are all picked by now. Newly seeded crops came up nicely.

Snyder County (McClure), Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

The first part of October was cold and windy. A few snowflakes were seen on the second. The coldest for October was 18 degrees on the fourth. It was rainy from the 14th to the 16th. The latter part of the month was mostly pleasant except for a few showers. People are mostly finished husking corn. Corn was a good crop except for some late corn that wasn't matured due to the early frost.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, (Snyder), Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

October has been a pleasant fall month, rather dry and cool, only about 1½ inches of rain. There is lots of corn husked already. Our apples were only about a half crop. The coldest we had this month was 20 here on Mulberry Hill, but in the lower parts it was colder. We have been greatly blessed with fruits and vegetables this summer.

Clinton County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno Beiler

September was cool, with a hard, killing frost on the 24th. By the first week in October, silos were mostly filled. Trees were almost bare by the middle of the month. It was cold, several days the highest temperature was 40. A lot of mornings we had frost.. By the end of the month it was warmer again.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

October started in rather cold in this section, 19 degrees on the third, but had a lot of nice weather to get the fall work done. There was still a lot of corn to pick at the end of the month. Some didn't mature very well, but makes a lot of corn.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, by Catherine Swarey

October started in cool, 18 degrees lowest temperature. Many beautiful blue October days. No rain until Oct. 16, 1 inch. After that it was warmer again day and night. Oct. 25 we had light rain again. On Sunday, October 20, we had beautiful snow flurries. Corn is nearly all husked except some that was a little late. Women are finishing fall work, house cleaning, digging gardens. Streams are a little low.

Oakland, Maryland, by Mrs. Atlee Hershberger

We have had some very nice October's bright blue weather, except for some snow flurries. Corn is being harvested, but is not as good and as ripe as last year.. Trees are mostly bare now, but lots of tourists passed through the communtiy the first part of the month to see the colored leaves..

Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for October has been variable. Some cool, rainy days, and some nice and warm; but mostly on the dry side. We had rain at intervals, but not much at a time. The second, third, and 20th we had snow squalls off and on, but none stayed on the ground long. Silo filling has been past earlier than usual on account of early frosts. Corn husking is on the list at present. Some are working at carpentry before cold weather sets in.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

October was fairly nice, with only a little over an inch of rain. Several frosty mornings, coldest being 26 degrees.. On the third we had about 2 inches of heavy snow hanging on trees which still had most of their leaves, making a beautiful sight seldom seen. A little snow again on the 20th. Corn is being picked, but some is rather soft.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

The first week in October was rainy and unusually cold, with enough snow to cover the ground.. Then it was very nice and mild until the 19th it snowed at night. The rest of the month was mostly nice and warm. Farmers have finished filling silo and are picking corn. It is a fair crop, although most of it has too much moisture to crib. Apples are a good crops, lots of cider being made.

Conewango Valley, New York, by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

October had a variety of weather. Snow flurries on the second, then again nice weather, more rain and again snow.. Corn did not fully ripen, so a lot of soft corn will go into cribs this year. There are a lot of frolics building houses, adding onto barns, etc. Livestock has dropped in price, feed staying at same high level. Eggs are a good price at present, 80 to 85¢ doz. for extra large, pullets 45 to 50¢ doz.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

We had a nice month of October. On the second we had our first little skiff of snow. It also snowed a little on the third, then on the fourth we had a very hard frost. On the eigth we had another hard frost. We had mostly just light showers through the middle of the month.. The last week was very nice, giving the farmers a chance to harvest their beans and corn, seems to be a good crop. Top prices of our stock market are as follows: hogs, $41; cattle $47.50; calves $60; feeders as low as $20.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

The weather for October was changeable. We had three hard frosts the beginning of the month, then temperature rose to 75. The low was 24. We had our first snow on Oct. 18, rain on the 23rd. Some very beautiful days. The leaves are just all down. People are busy husking corn, raking leaves, and still some potatoes to dig. Corn crop is fair.. Quite a few frosts for this month.

Southeastern Holmes County, by John L. Yoder

The first half of October we had some cold weather including a little snow.. The latter part October's bright blue weather prevailed, not too much moisture.. Wheat fields are not making very fast progress. Corn picking is on the go. No shocks husked yet. A few are still making third cutting hay.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas N. Bontrager

We had lots of bright blue weather in October, also a cold spell over the 20th with some snow flurries. It soon warmed up again and has been very nice since.. Farmers are busy husking corn, which seems to be a good crop, also getting things in line for winter. There is plenty of fall pasture.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

October was cold and damp. We had our first blanket of snow on Oct. 19, but it was all gone again by evening. It snowed again the 20th, but didn't stay on the ground. Wheat is sowed, and some corn husked, but still a lot to do.

Ashtabula County, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Mast

October started out with quite a bit of snow off and on the first two weeks. The last part has been very nice Indian summer weather. Leaves are all off the trees. People are busy picking corn.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

October came in very chilly and cool with snow flurries on the 2nd. But warmed up through the middle and latter part up into November, had many bright blue beautiful October days. Temperature went up into the 70's which made it ideal for the farmers to get at corn husking. A few have finished but still a lot remains to be hucked, seems to be good quality and yield this year.

Utica, Ohio, by Melvin E. Hershberger

October was a beautiful scenic month for everybody, the leaves are pretty well all down by now. The first two weeks were rather cold with temperature below freezing some mornings. The last two weeks were sunny and warm, beautiful fall weather, with very little rain all through the month. Silo filling is done and a lot of corn picking is being done, most soybeans are out. Eggs are 89¢ a doz.; grocery prices still rising; beef prices are still very low, 22¢ to 23¢ a lb., live wt.; calves and milk cows are very low in price.

Centreville, Michigan, by Mrs. Tobe L. Yoder

October had mostly warm days and cool nights. Some rain, also very nice days.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

We had beautiful October weather; some nice rains in the forepart. Corn and bean crop yield is very poor in many places, as rains were quite spotty throughout the area. Corn prices are very high, so high that it is discouraging pig and beef production. Most of the corn harvested here is shipped to Maumee, then loaded on ships and most of it sent to Russia at a lower price than what the farmer in the U. S. is paid for.

Oscoda County (Mio), Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

The last week of October has been exceptionally mild. On the 31st it was 65 and children were going barefoot. The first part of the month was unusually cold with some snow flurries on the first and 19 degrees on the morning of the third. We had killing frost around the first of October, so a lot of corn was not yet matured. Ear corn is selling for $78 a ton out of the field.

Ashley, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

The first part of September was warm. We had our first killing frost Sept. 30. Corn was not all matured. Silo filling was mostly done the last two weeks in September. Corn was short in fodder, some too short to cut with the binder. Cows were turned in there. October 3 temperature was down to 22. October had frisky mornings. Temperature around 28 to 30 every morn. We had our first heavy snow Oct. 19. It started to snow fine at noon; toward evening the flakes were big and heavy. The next morning the sun came out bright, which brought a pretty view. All trees, twigs, and branches had a heavy snow which glittered in the sun. Trees still had their leaves, and the different colors shone through the snow. Plowing goes fairly good, but more rain would be welcome. We had only one rainy day in October, and not much in Sept.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

October was a beautiful month, with lots of sunshine Rainfall for the month was 2.02 inches. There was 2½ inches of snow, coming on the 19th, which was the earliest showfall in the 65 year history of Berne weather records. Snow during October is not too unusual in this part of the country, as the records show that in 16 years of the past sixty-five years snow was recorded in October. Statistics for the month are: High, 78 on the 6th; Low, 22 on the 21st; Rainfall, 2.02; Snow, 2.5; 11 clear days, 16 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy, and 6 rainy days. Farmers are busy thrashing beans and picking corn.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The weather through October was very nice, very little rain, not enough to make mud at any time. We had two mornings cold enough to freeze a little ice. The lowest temperature reading was 22 degrees on the 21st and the highest was 75 on the 31st. We had 14 days of all sunshine, 11 days of partly cloudy and 6 days of solid cloudy weather. There was just enough rain to bring the wheat up, the unplowed fields are very dry, too dry for fall plowing. Corn is slow drying out enough to crib and isn't yielding very heavy due to the dry summer we had but the quality is good. The yield for soybeans was variable, from a total loss on the sandy soil up to 20 bushels per acre on the heavier soil. The yield for late potatoes was mostly poor. Good three to four day old calves can be bought at the community auctions for $10 a piece; Top Hogs are bringing 39.75 to $40; Wheat is now 4.66; Corn, 3.35; Soybeans, 7.25 per bushel.

by Mrs. Alvin E. Burkholder

We were richly blessed during the month of October with clear blue skies and beautiful fall days, several rainy days too. We had 1.7 in. of rain the first two days of November. The scenery was breath-taking as one gazed in awe and wonder at times at the many colored trees. Man cannot make anything to match God's creation. The farmers gathered corn and soybeans at full speed during these lovely fall days, though a lot of corn is still out. The women folks are ready to slow down a bit to sewing and quilting after a real busy fall season of housecleaning and gathering in garden harvest.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

The last few days of October brought us some very nice, warm and sunny days. Temperature on the last day at 72. Some foggy, dreary mornings, but cleared up, not much rain. We had our first snow the 19th.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

October 2 we had some snow flurries, then a killing frost that night. The second week was warmer, with lots of leaves falling. On the 19th it snowed 1 inch, temperature 28. The 21st and 22nd warmer, 23rd rain. The last week was warm and damp. A lot of women are butchering and canning chickens. Hog and beef prices came down some.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

We have had lovely fall weather all through October. Quite a few sunny days, and had nice showers on the 14th. It cleared off, and the 17th was a beautiful wedding day. The following days were beautiful fall days. The 23rd we had light drizzly rain, but cleared off again. We have had hard frosts right along. Silo filling is done, and very little matured corn to husk.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

October can be described with one word, Beautiful. Had 7/10 of an inch rain the 15th and 6/10 the 29th. Had frosts the first three mornings of the month, although they were not our first ones. Real nice weather to harvest the crops and sow wheat. Wheat is up and looks nice and green. Soybeans are probably 75% harvested, and corn is, I would say, one third or more in cribs. Late corn that the early frost got still has quite a bit of moisture. The soybeans that were planted after wheat did not make beans at the top one half of the plants. Some fall plowing is being done. No strong winds this fall and corn is standing good. A few farm sales with machinery selling good. An eighty acre farm with a fair house and a poor barn sold at auction for a price of $1375 an acre. A native farmer was the buyer. Two years ago this farm would probably have brought $500 or $600 an acre.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

September 23 we had a damaging frost. A lot of late corn was in the milk stage. October brought bright, clear days, cool as a whole until the 25th. Then we had warm with showers. A lot of corn is harvested, selling for $3.50 a bushel.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Dienner

CORRECTION from September report: The damage by water of the 1974 crop was the highest damage of any crop since the drought in 1913. Most fields have at least some damage. Weather has been favorable for harvesting crops, which is well under way. The last week we had a few light and easy showers, which caused much of the corn tops to bend over. Some fields that have not been harvested are not higher than the fence. I have not heard of any yields, but some of the late crops will have about 50% frost damage. Soybean yields range to 29 bushel per acre, but prices are high.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

"Beautiful," describes our weather for October. Only about 1½ in. rain all month, giving farmers lots of nice weather to harvest. Only late beans remain to be harvested. Most of the wheat and other winter grains are sowed. It has warmed up considerably since our hard frost in the early part of month. Beans are $7.30; Corn, 3.20.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

The first half of October was nice harvesting weather for crops that were ready. Soybeans are fair following the dry summer. The last half of the month we had an excessive amount of moisture which will delay the remaining harvest of soybeans and milo, and also some corn that has not been harvested, however most of the corn has been harvested for quite some time. No frost to do any damage thus far. Lots of late milo is still in danger of frost. Wheat fields are looking good, probably more sowed than usual. Fall gardens are doing very well.

Reno County (Haven), Kansas, by E. E. Schrock

We had a nice and warm October, good for getting fall crops in. A few showers the last of the month, no hard frost yet. We are still getting tomatoes, peppers, radishes, lettuce from our garden.

Reno County (Partridge), Kansas, by Edward Mast

October weather was mild with about average rainfall. We had a light frost the 15th, but most things are still growing. Milo is too green to cut yet, which is about a month later than usual. Wheat is growing up real nice.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had real nice fall weather in October. About 2 inches rain fell the forepart, and 2½ to 3 inches the last four days, Morning temperatures ranged from 34 to 64 degrees, usually warmed up through the day.

Seymour, Missouri, by Menno D. Schwartz

November started out giving us our much needed rain. Our ponds were getting low. This is a region where many farms depend on ponds, creeks (called branches) and springs. Altho wells are common, a lot of them are deep, making it a high priced water system. In these hills it is a common thing to have ponds on a higher level than the buildings so as to have running water. We could not get the water line below freezing, on account of the rocks, so we let the water run day and night thru winter. Most farms have had an abundance of garden and pasture from the very nice fall weather. Corn crop was poor, some milo is being raised, but the regular sorghum hardly got ripe, thus some silos are not filled yet. Cattle prices are very low, most young cattle (calves) would have brought more when a week old. Hogs are making a little profit at the $35 to $40 price. The 6th was the second hard frost of the season. There was a little more wheat sowed in this area this fall. We have still been seeing and hearing mocking birds. They sing a 13 cycle song, what I mean, they make 13 different noises then start all over again.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

No more green crops left after a 28 degree frost on October 2. Many of the crops like milo, beans, and corn did not fully mature. The late corn that was not put in the silo will be all right to feed on the ear, but will not do to crib. The nice October weather, "not too wet and not too dry", left a good chance to sow wheat and harvest the early crops. Average temperature was above that of September. Sorghum sold for 50¢ lb., with a good demand.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

Nice fall weather throughout October. It was slightly dry, but with recent rains, fall grains and pastures are growing well. A lot of nice hay was put up the last month. We did not have a killing frost yet. We still have string beans, tomatoes, and peppers from gardens. Pig prices are around 55¢ a lb. for 40 to 50 lb. pigs, fat hogs about 40¢, feed over $7 cwt.

Pike County, Missouri, by George D. Yoder

Our weather for September and October was somewhat dry, though we had light local showers. We had many pleasant days and cool nights. Our first frost was earlier than usual, which hurt our late corn, but most of it was put in silos. Early corn is good. Grass and clover are still green. Wheat is all sowed and some coming up.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

October was a little cooler than usual, over three inches of rain fell during the first half of month. Had our first killing frost Oct. 2nd. A lot of late corn was hurt, more was put up for silage than usual. Cane was of fair quality and selling for 50¢ a lb. Corn and beans are being harvested, many reports are of a lower than usual yield. More wheat is sowed than was the past two years. Fall plowing is well underway, but ground is getting plenty dry.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

October was a pleasant month. We had seven frosty mornings, coldest was 20 above zero, had around two inches of rainfall. A lot of fall plowing is done and hand picking corn is well underway, but some corn is soft. Beans are about all harvested. Bean price, Oct. 31, $7.43 a Bu.; New Corn, 3.31 a Bu.; Hogs, around the $38 a Cwt. mark; Cattle, $21 Cwt.; Bulls, $24 to $28 Cwt.; Replacement Cattle, $25 to $30 Cwt.; Feeder Pigs, 40 to 50 lb. Pigs, $21 to $25, the 15 to 20 lb. Pigs, $11 to $14 per head.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert Schmucker

October 2 we had 25 degrees, which put an end to the growing season. Lots of corn was not ready, also some soybeans. Then we had 2,2 inches of rain. The rest of the month was real nice. Another inch of rain the last two days. Some plowing was done before it got too dry. Soybeans are mostly in, from 15 to 25 bu. to the acre. Soybeans were $8.85, but dropped to almost $7. Corn $3.50; oats $1.75; hay $50 a ton; milk up to almost $6.00.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather has been ideal lately, but no rain now for several weeks. The cool fall weather came a little earlier than usual. The low temperature for this area was 24 degrees. Some beans and corn were not fully matured when the early frosts came, so there will be some shriveled beans and soft corn. However, there will also be some 40 bu. an acre beans and some 100 bushel corn.

New Glarus, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Harry D. Miller

We had a few nice rains in October, but not much. Silos are filled, and corn picking and wood making have started.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

October's bright blue weather best describes October. We had some very summer-like days, although cooler at times. The ground was frozen a little one morning. We had some showers, and the last week was foggy and damp. Farmers are plowing, and quacking. Some are husking corn. Milk prices are slowly rising. Cattle prices are down, and feed is quite high. Groceries are somewhat lower.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

We had very beautiful weather in October. Some days were like summer. Not much rain, only a few showers. Pastures are short. It is dry for plowing. Some farmers are done husking corn. Ripe corn is not so plentiful on account of dry weather and early frost.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

October was in general a nice month, much sunshine, until the last week we had around 1½ in. of rain. Had a cool spell around the 15th, down to 22 degrees. Still quite a lot of corn went into silos in October. Quite a few farmers are plowing. Corn picking is in full swing. Feed mills are offering $80 a ton for new corn right out of the field. Old corn sells for $115 per ton; Hay, from 75¢ to $1.00 per bale; Milk is 6.55 for 3.5 test.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

October was mostly fair, not very much moisture till the last week it was damp and rained several days. The ground has a fair amount of moisture, which makes plowing easier.

Cashton, Wisconsin, by Amos U. Gingerich

We had a very nice October, reminded me of the verse "October Blue Skies." People are finishing new buildings and getting ready for winter, which will probably soon be here. Had rains last few days in October which makes plowing go better.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock, Sr.

Our weather for October was really nice. On the sixth we had a little rain and some snow flurries, but it melted right away. On the 29th and 31st it misted most of the day. We had a lot of nice weather to work. A lot of corn went in cribs, and fall work is being done.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

October started in rainy and turned to snow during the night. October had 8 days of rain with a total of 3.8 inches. We also had some real mild sunny days, with the temperature reaching the 70 degree mark. Plowing and husking corn is the work of the day. The corn is not as dry as some years due to an early frost.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

The forepart of October was cool and at times cold with some snow in the air. The last two weeks were mostly warm and sunny, pleasant for corn husking and plowing. We had little measureable rainfall and the ground is quite dry for fall plowing. The corn crop has not matured quite as well as some years. Some of the kernels have shrunk. Corn has dropped to $3.20 a bushel. Oats is still quite high, 1.75 to $2 a bu. Top quality beef was still steady at close to $50 while cheaper grades sell as low as $22 to $26, and old cows below $20.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

October started in with heavy frosts and snow flurries followed by cool wet weather. On the 20th the temperature was down to 22 degrees. This cold spell lasted a few days and since then we've been having warm sunny days. Silo filling was finished on the 22nd and corn husking and fall plowing have started. Some corn in this area is still quite soft.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

October has been quite nice, with some showers and some frosts. Nights have been mostly chilly 40 and 50 degrees, but some days up in the 70's. We haven't seen any snow yet except on the 19th. Most people are plowing. Leaves are coming down fast.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We had a very nice October. The first week it was very cold, but then it warmed up. We had a small amount of rainfall. Corn is mostly in now, and plowing is underway.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Lucknow, Ontario

The small daughter of Joni Shetlers who was in an accident (see front page, Sept. issue) is fully recovered. She came home after five weeks of being in the hospital. Much to the wonder of everyone she shows no brain damage at all. Mrs. Dan M. Shetler of Norwich, who was also in the accident, is at home but is still laid up, being very sore.

MILTON, IOWA NOTE – by Delbert Schmucker

While thrashing clover at Levi Weavers' as we were taking the machine to the field and going through a gate we hit a root which threw the machine halfway on the side and then caught a big hedge post right in front of the blower, which held it till we got some chains and a cable winch to set it up again. I was sitting on top of the machine and it threw me clear. We had only minor damage.

MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Mast, Byler – Andy, son of Jonas and Elma Mast of Pa., to Barbara, daughter of Crist and Lydia Byler, Oct. 15, by Bishop Eli Mast of Ohio.

Miller, Mast – Amos, son of Andy and Katie Miller, to Katie, daughter of Eli and Katie Mast, Oct. 17, by Bishop Tobias Petersheim of Pennsylvania.

Miller, Mast – Samuel, son of Enos and Katie Miller, to Edna, daughter of Eli and Katie Mast, Oct. 10, by Bishop John Yoder.

Yoder, Byler – Leroy, son of Bishop John and Lavina Yoder, to Anna, daughter of Joe and Katie Byler, Oct. 22, by Bishop John Yoder.

Yoder, Yoder – Noah, son of Dea. Elmer N. and Anna Yoder of Canada, to Malinda, daughter of Andy M. and Barbara Ann Yoder, Oct. 31, by Bishop Jacob Eicher of Aylmer, Ontario, Canada.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Petersheim – John H., son of Dea. Sam S. Stoltzfus' of Mechanicsville, Md., to Emma, daughter of Bishop Tobe Petersheims of Mifflintown, Oct. 31st, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Swarey, Peachey – Widower Jacob Swarey, to Susan, daughter of Eli and Linda (Byler) Peachey, Oct. 29, by Bishop Jacob Byler.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Coblentz, Schlabach – Menno J., son of Jonas and Laura Coblentz, Springboro, Pa., to Clara, daughter of Moses and Alta Schlabach, Conneautville, Pa., Oct. 3, by Wallace Byler, Belle Center, Ohio.

Conewango Valley, New York

Miller, Miller – Eli, son of Dan E. N. Millers, to Emma, daughter of Abner Miller, Oct. 17, by Bishop Ben L. Shetler.

Ashland, Ohio

Garber, Keim – Daniel, son of Ura and Katie Garber, to MaryAnn, daughter of Bishop Albert J. and KatieAnn Keim, Oct. 10, by Bishop Albert Keim.

Ashtabula County, Ohio

Miller, Byler – Chester, son of Dan K. Millers, to Sadie, daughter of Jake E. and Lizzieann (Yoder) Byler, Oct. 3.

Centerville, Michigan

Miller, Borkholder – Marvin, son of Davie P. Miller, to Clara, daughter of Amanda (Miller) Bontrager and the late Melvin Borkholder, by Bishop Wm. P. Miller.

Bronson, Michigan

Bontrager, Borntrager – LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Bontragers, to Katie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Borntrager, Oct. 31.

October Marriages to be continued next month

Das Gebädt Sallamons geschriben den 11ten Dezember 1878.

O. Gott mein Vater und Herr aller Güte, der du alle Ding durch dein Wort gemacht, und den Menschen durch deine Weisheit bereitet hast, das er herschen solle über die Creaturen, so von dir gemacht, das er die Welt regieren solte mit Heiligkeit und Gerechtigkeit, und mit rechtem Hertzen richten. Gib mir die Weisheit. die stets um deinen Thron ist und verwirff mich nicht aus deinen Kindern. Den ich bin ein Knecht und deiner Magd Sohn, ein schwacher Mensch und kurtzes Lebens, und zu geringe im Verstand des Rechts und Gesetzes. Sende sie herab von deinem h. Himmel, und aus dem Thron deiner Herrlichkeit. Sende sie, das sie bei mir sei und mit mir arbeite, das ich erkenne und thue, was dir Wohl gefalle. Den sie weiß alles und verstehts, und lass sie mich leiten in meinen Werken mäßiglich und mich behüten durch ihre Herlichkeit, so werden dir meine Werke angenehm sein: Da ich noch jung war, suchte ich Weisheit ohne Scheu in meinem Gebet. Im Tempel bad ich darum und will sie bis an mein Ende suchen. Mein Hertz freuet sich über ihr, als wen die Trauben reiffen. Du bist mein Vater, mein Gott und Hort der mir hilft. Deine Hand hat mich gemacht und bereitet, unterweiße mich, daß ich deine Gebote lerne, öffne mir die Augen, das ich sehe die Wunder an deinem Gesetz. Gedenke Herr an deinen Bund, und gib mir ein, was ich reden und denken soll. Unterweiße mich, so lebe ich. Herr zeige mir deine Wege, und lehre mich deine Wege, leite mich in deiner Wahrheit und lehre mich.

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Fortſetzung folgt

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE DR. HANS OR JOHN AND MAGDALENA BLANK FAMILY

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

(66) David Hooley (62), married to the immigrant Samuel King and Barbara (Zook) King, daughter of the immigrant Johannes Zook of Honey Brook Twp. They had a family of seven children of which Magdalena and Elizabeth died single in Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania. A few moved to Somerset Co., Pa. to Champaign Co., Wayne Co., and Logan Co., Ohio and to points further west, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church, although there are still several families living in Mifflin County who are with the Amish Church.

(67) Barbara Hooley (62), born in Mifflin County, married to Jacob Yoder, son of Michael Yoder of Berks Co., Pa. Their children are ten in number, born in Mifflin Co., Pa., as follows: (68) David Yoder (67), married to Magdalena King, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Zook) King of Belleville; (69) Peter Yoder (67), married to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Zook) King, no children were born to this union; (70) Jacob Yoder (67), died single; (71) Michael Yoder (67), born in Mifflin County, married to a Kurtz; (72) Samuel Yoder (67), married to Catharine Nafzinger; (73) Catharine Yoder (67), married to John King, born in 1781, died in 1844, son of Christian and Catharine (Kurtz) King; (74) Rachael Yoder (67), married to Yost Yoder; (75) Magdalena Yoder (67), died single; (76) Veronica Yoder (67), married to Jacob Troyer; (77) Mary Yoder (67), married to Gideon Zook, born Oct. 29, 1803, died April 21, 1845, son of John and Catherine (Weidman) Zook. Gideon Zook was an Amish minister in Wayne County, Ohio. His parents were one of the early settlers or may have been the very first Amish settlers in that county.

(78) Magdalena Hooley (62), born in Berks County, married to Christian Yoder, born in 1760 in Berks County, died Dec. 17, 1847 in Mifflin Co., Pa. In order to distinguish the several Christian Yoder's he was known as "Der Dick Christol Yoder," a son of Strong Jacob Yoder of Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster County. They were very likely married in Berks County and from there moved to the Conestoga Valley; from there to Mifflin County about the same time as his father-in-law, John Hooley, did. They were the parents of six children, the oldest one being (79) Daniel Yoder (78), or better known as "Der Gros Dan Yoder," who was married to Widow Nancy, or Anna, (King) (Smucker), a daughter of Johannes King of Ronks. She had married her first husband, John Smucker, who was killed by a run away team hitched to a wagon delivering their household furniture the day they intended to start up housekeeping near Ronks station.

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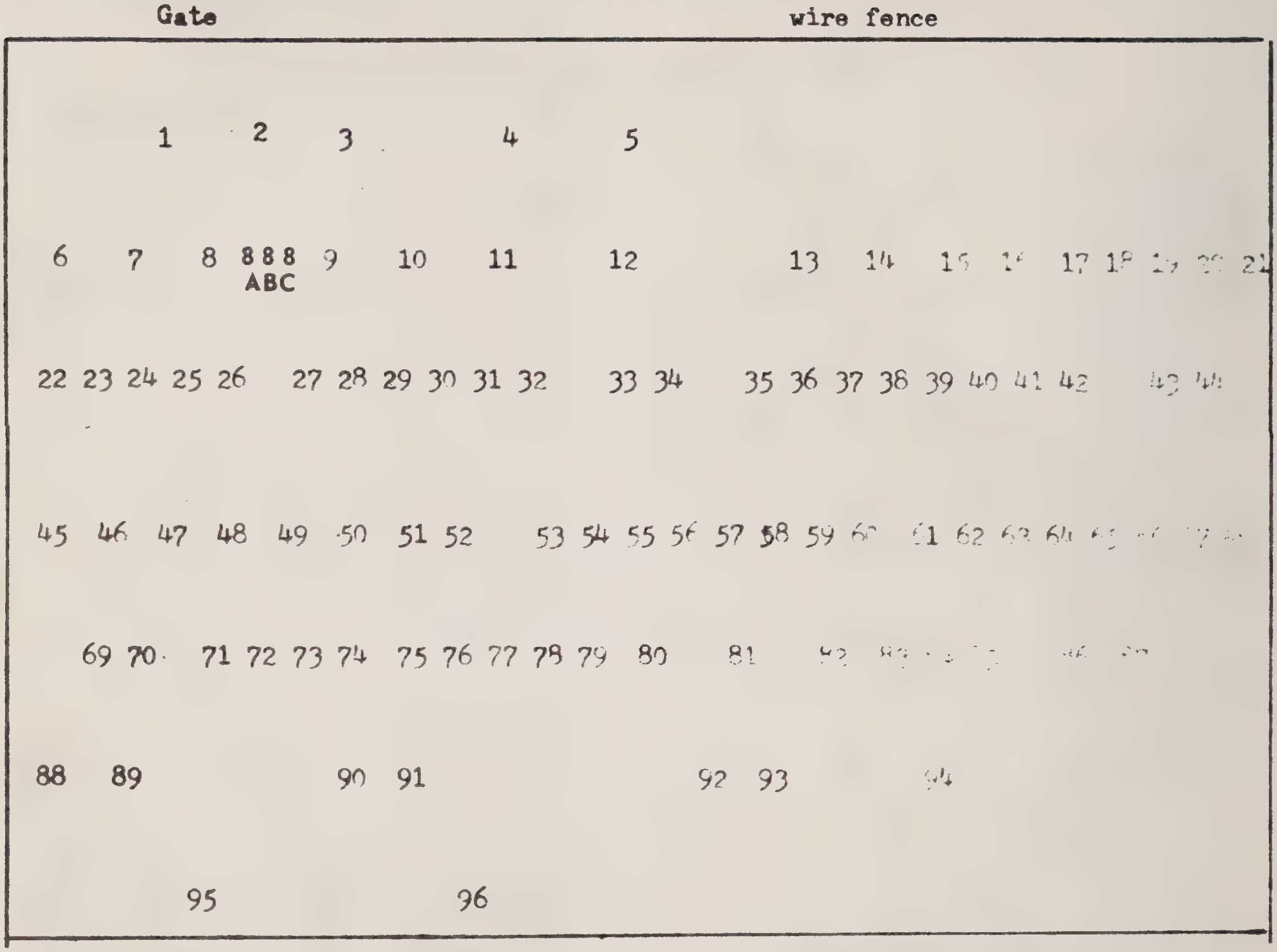
BLANK CEMETERY
SPRING GARDEN
Looking West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BLANK CEMETERY, SPRING GARDEN

1–Menno Kauffman B. Apr. 5, 1859 D. Dec. 29 Son of Gideon and Susan (Fisher) Kauffman
2–Wife Ida Kauffman B. Feb. 24, 1861 D. Mar. 7, 1904 Dau. of Christian L. and Sally (Kurtz) Blank
3&4–Two old stones
5–Samuel L. Blank B. Oct. 24, 1813 D. Nov. 20, 1877 Son of Pre. John and Fannie (Lantz) Blank; Husband of Veronica Umble and Lovina Massey
6–Christian L. Blank B. Sept. 8, 1820 D. Aug. 6, 1864 Son of Pre. John and Fannie (Lantz) Blank
7–Wife Sally Blank B. Oct. 6, 1821 D. Apr. 26, 1907 Dau. of Christian and Catharine (King) Kurtz
8–Son Elam B. May 28, 1849 D. Nov. 21, 1851
8A–Victoria Blank B. June 26, 1877 D. Dec. 26, 1878
8B–Amanda Blank B. Apr. 29, 1876 D. May 4, 1876
8C–Lucinda Blank B. Sept. 30, 1871 D. Mar. 6, 1873 All three daughters of Joseph E. and Carolina (Hertzler) Blank
9–Veronica wife of Samuel L. Blank B. Mar. 16, 1817 D. Jan. 1, 1855 Dau. of John and Mary (Kurtz) Umble
10–Dau. Lydia B. May 4, 1848 D. Apr. 13, 1851
11–Lovina 2 wife of Samuel L. Blank B. Sept. 15, 1837 D. Oct. 13, 1867 Dau. of John and Mary (Wallace) Massey
12–Stephen L. Blank B. Jan. 30, 1826 D. Jan. 18, 1851 Son of Pre. John and Fannie (Lantz) Blank Husband of Nancy Stoltzfus Beiler wife of Joseph L. Beiler
13–(Pre.) John Blank B. Sept. 24, 1784 D. May 24, 1846Son of Bish. John and Barbara (King) Blank
14–Wife Fannie B. Dec. 20, 1787 D. Dec. 27, 1859 Dau. of Jacob and Magdalena (Kurtz) Lantz
15–Son John B. Aug. 10, 1818 D. Oct. 4, 1822
16–(Bish.) John Blank B. ? D. 1835 Son of John and Mary (Eichelman) Blank
17–Wife Barbara B. ? D. July 2, 1794 Dau. of Samuel and Anna (Yoder) King
18–Son Jacob B. Apr. 29, 1786 D. ?
19–2 Wife Barbara B. D. 1837 Dau. of Strong and Anna (Beiler) Yoder
20–S. B. 1844 (Pre.) Samuel Blank B. July 23, 1788 D. Oct. 27, 1844 Son of (Bish.) John and Barbara (King) Blank

21–Old Stone (No Mark) Samuel's wife Barbara B. Jan. 4, 1802 D. Jan. 20, 1886 Dau. of Yohon and Magdalena (Garver) Yoder; Though this does does not appear to be Sam's wife it might be his Bro. Dan

22–Son Amos Neuhauser B. Jan. 23, 1870 D. Nov. 6, 1893

23–Dau. Sadie Neuhauser B. Nov. 22, 1868 D. Oct. 7, 1892

24–Son Jacob Neuhauser B. Feb. 7, 1867 D. Dec. 3, 1886

25–Mother Mattie Neuhauser B. Sept. 24, 1839 D. Apr. 16, 1884 Dau. of Jacob and Magdalena (Yoder) Berkey

26–Father John B. Neuhauser B. Aug. 22, 1837 D. Feb. 10, 1876 Son of John and Lydia (Blank) Neuhauser

27–Old Stone

28–Amos Neuhauser B. Apr. 25, 1854 D. May 1, 1869 Son of John and Lydia Neuhauser

29–Jonas Neuhauser B. Dec. 12, 1855 D. Mar. 25, 1861 Son of John and Lydia Neuhauser

30–Samuel Neuhauser B. Nov. 14, 1843 D. Jan. 14, 1860 Son of John and Lydia Neuhauser

31–John Neuhauser B. Mar. 10, 1810 D. June 26, 1878 Son of Christian and Magdalena Z. (Walter) Neuhauser

32–Wife Lydia B. May 22, 1811 D. Apr. 24, 1851 Dau. of (Pre.) John and Fannie (Lantz) Blank; John Neuhauser 2 wife was Anna Umble B. Sept. 7, 1824 D. Jan. 18, ?

33– Old Stone

34– Old Stone

35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, Six children of John and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Umble; The names and the dates are very hard to read

41–John Umble Jr. B. July 7, 1813 D. Jan. 20, 1892 Son of John Sr. and Mary (Kurtz) Umble

42–Wife Elizabeth B. Jan. 16, 1809 D. July 25, 1850 Dau. of Jacob and Nancy (Yoder) Kurtz

43–Peter Reeser B. July 14, 1844 D. Aug. 25, 1918 Son of Peter Reeser Sr.

44–Wife Elizabeth B. Jan. 23, 1847 D. May 17, 1906 Dau. of John Jr. and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Umble

45–John Lapp (Dea.) B. Oct. 8, 1854 D. Jan. 15, 1931 Son of Christ and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Lapp

46–Wife Rachel B. Feb. 16, 1858 D. Mar. 1, 1912 Dau. of (Pre.) David F. and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus

47–David F. Stoltzfus (Pre.) B. Apr. 6, 1826 D. Apr. 2, 1896 Son of David and Annie (Fisher) Stoltzfus

48–Wife Sarah B. Nov. 13, 1828 D. Mar. 30, 1892 Dau. of (Pre.) Daniel and Rachel (Blank) Mast

49–Stoltzfus Child

50–Stoltzfus Child

51–Sarah Stoltzfus age 0–5–25

52–Annie Stoltzfus (Old Maid) B. Apr. 30, 1853 D. Feb. 26, 1912 Daughters of David F. and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus

53–Infant Son of Sam F. and Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus B. July 7, 1937 D. July 7, 1937

54–Infant Dau. of Sam F. and Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus B. Nov. 22, 1939 D. Nov. 22, 1939

55–Katie Stoltzfus B. June 28, 1931 D. May 25, 1970 Dau. of (Bish.) Sam F. and Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus

56–57–58–59–60–Five Old Stones

61–Christian Kurtz B. July 13, 1811 D. Mar. 11, 1867 Son of Jacob and Nancy (Yoder) Kurtz

62–Wife Nancy B. Jan. 29, 1820 D. Aug. 16, 1903 Dau. of John Sr. and Mary (Kurtz) Umble

63–Dau. Mary B. Feb. 14, 1845 D. Dec. 31, 1851

64–Son John U. Kurtz B. May 4, 1847 D. May 28, 1916

65–Dau. Lydia Kurtz B. 1848 D. Jan. 5, 1931 82y.

66–Dau. Matilda Kurtz B. 1851 D. Feb. 19, 1936 85y.

67–Dau. Ida Kurtz B. 1865 D. May 25, 1951 86 y.

68–Dau. Annie Kurtz B. 1853 D. Apr. 20, 1928 75 y.

69–Joseph S. Stoltzfus B. Oct. 8, 1889 D. Jan. 19, 1952 Son of John D. (Gap) and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

70– Wife Rachel B. Jan. 21, 1890 D. Jan. 1, 1963 Dau. of Stephen U. and Saloma E. (Beiler) Stoltzfus

71–Son John B. July 20, 1917 D. May 8, 1918

72–John D. Stoltzfus (Gap) B. Dec. 6, 1864 D. Dec. 14, 1929 Son of (Pre.) David F. and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus

73–Wife Annie B. May 20, 1870 D. Jan. 5, 1941 Dau. of Jonathan K. and Elizabeth S. (Lapp) Stoltzfus

74–Dau. Rachel B. Mar. 6, 1912 D. May 20, 1912

75–Infant

76–David L. Stoltzfus B. Feb. 23, 1866 D. Jan. 15, 1950 Son of Pre. David F. and Sarah (Mast) Stoltzfus

77–Wife Katie B. Dec. 9, 1864 D. Feb. 11, 1955 Dau. of Samuel L. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Fisher

78–Son David Valentine B. Feb. 14, 1910 D. Mar. 3, 1910

79–Son Levi M. B. June 30, 1897 D. Feb. 22, 1916

80–Christian Petersheim B. Aug. 13, 1891 D. Apr. 20, 1960 Son of Samuel and Lydia (Lapp) Petersheim

81–Dau. Katie B. Apr. 11, 1915 D. June 8, 1915

82–Infant Dau. B. Oct. 12, 1927 of Gideon B. and Hannah (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Myerstown R2, Pa.

83–84–85–Three Old Stones

86–Sarah Wallace B. D. Dec. 7, 1872 Wife of Davis Wallace

87–Old Stone

88–Joseph E. Blank B. Jan. 24, 1837 D. Feb. 5, 1894 Son of Samuel L. and Veronica (Umble) Blank

89–Wife Caroline B. Dec. 22, 1839 D. Mar. 1, 1908 Dau. of John and Catharine (Yoder(Hertzler

90–Annie Lapp B. Nov. 21, 1881 D. Aug. 9, 1929 Dau. of Benjamin and Christann (Sommers) Lapp First wife of David Lapp

91–Son Phares B. July 13, 1916 D. July 15, 1916 Son of David and Annie Lapp

92–Phares Lapp B. Oct. 22, 1919 D. Jan. 2, 1921

93–Rachel Lapp B. June 12, 1926 D. Apr. 6, 1927 Children of Mose and Rachel (Blank) Lapp

94–Infant Son B. and D. June 17, 1937 Son of Christ K. and Naomi (Beiler) Lapp

95–Katie Beiler B. Aug. 19, 1963 D. Nov. 16, 1964 Dau. of Henry F. and Anna S. (Kauffman) Beiler

96–Aaron E. Beiler B. Jan. 1, 1896 D. May 18, 1968 Son of Jonathan Z. and Katie L. (Fisher) Beiler

THE CEMETERY OF SPRING GARDEN

The cemetery of Spring Garden was started by the first wife of Bishop John Blank (Barbara King). The cause of her death was from the childbirth of her youngest son, Christian, who in later years was a deacon in Lower Pequea and moved to Juniata County and died there. Barbara died July 2, 1794 and her grave was made at the Plank Cemetery at Cains. Through the warm weather and not embalming they could not keep her till the funeral, so a grave was dug on top of the hill on the home plantation, and the burial plot was started.

The information of this paragraph was gathered by Sadie Mast. Between 1912 and 1915 this cemetery was about to be destroyed. However, David L. Stoltzfud (Buck Dave), who was a great-grandson of John Blank, and Peter Reeser, whose bodies are now resting there, were both much interested in the cemetery. So they together solicited the sum of $400.00 from friends and relatives and a fence was erected and provisions were made for the upkeep for 9,999 years.

The lane leading to the cemetery was fixed up and tarvied by donations. Sem Hershey, the owner at that time, paid half of it. In 1969 John Yost, who lives there at the present time, tore up the tarvia and hauled the stones to the east side of the farm and made provisions to come in from the east side of the cemetery. John Yost is also a descendant of Bishop John Blank.

Bishop John Blank has willed a deed that his descendants have a burial right free of charge in this cemetery. The Amish in Lancaster County are very few that cannot have him traced to be their ancestor. The present trustees are John U. Reeser, Frank Neuhauser, Sam F. Stoltzfus (Bishop), and Levi S. Beiler.

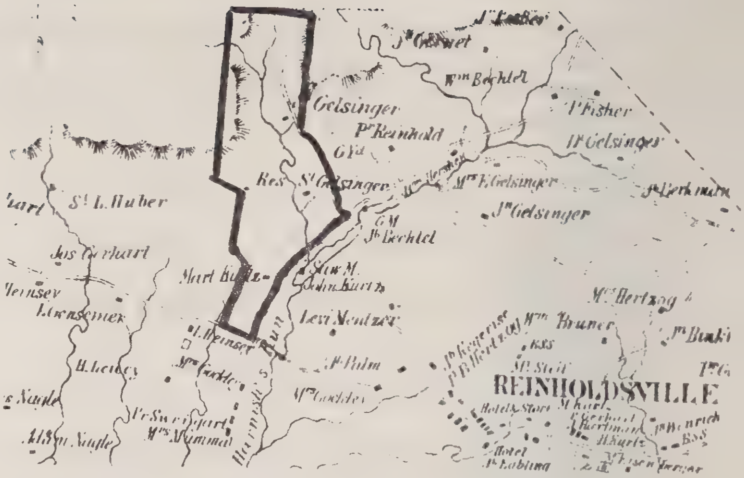
As the research of the early Blancks in Spring Garden, formerly Ledger, and the early Blauncks in Cains are studied they do not link together in relationship in America. It is also found that "Blank" is a French name, translated in German it's Wise and in English it's White.

Bishop John Blank is the son of Hanes H. Blanck who lived between Shoeneck and Denver, formerly Union Station, just west of the Cocalico Creek. The farm was over three hundred acres and today part of the farm is owned by John Brubaker. An old cemetery is on top of the hill, an old stone wall around it, with some of Hanes H. Blanck's descendants buried there. In the corner of the graveyard are two old stones without any marking which is believed to be Hanes Blanck and his wife, Mary Eichelman.

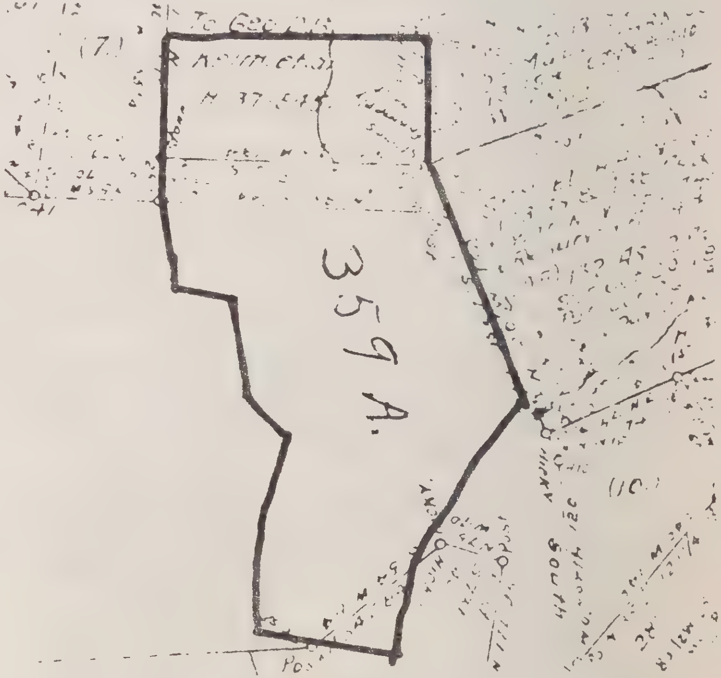
Hanes H. Blank has left a record of nine children, John, Christian, Jacob, Nicholas, Peter, Michael, Barbara, wife of Abraham Kurtz, Marie, wife of Benard Wolf, and Catharine, wife of John King.

We also find on the ship list of St. Andrew, Sept. 23, 1752, Hanes (H) Blanck and the names of his first four mentioned sons.

Levi L. Stoltzfus

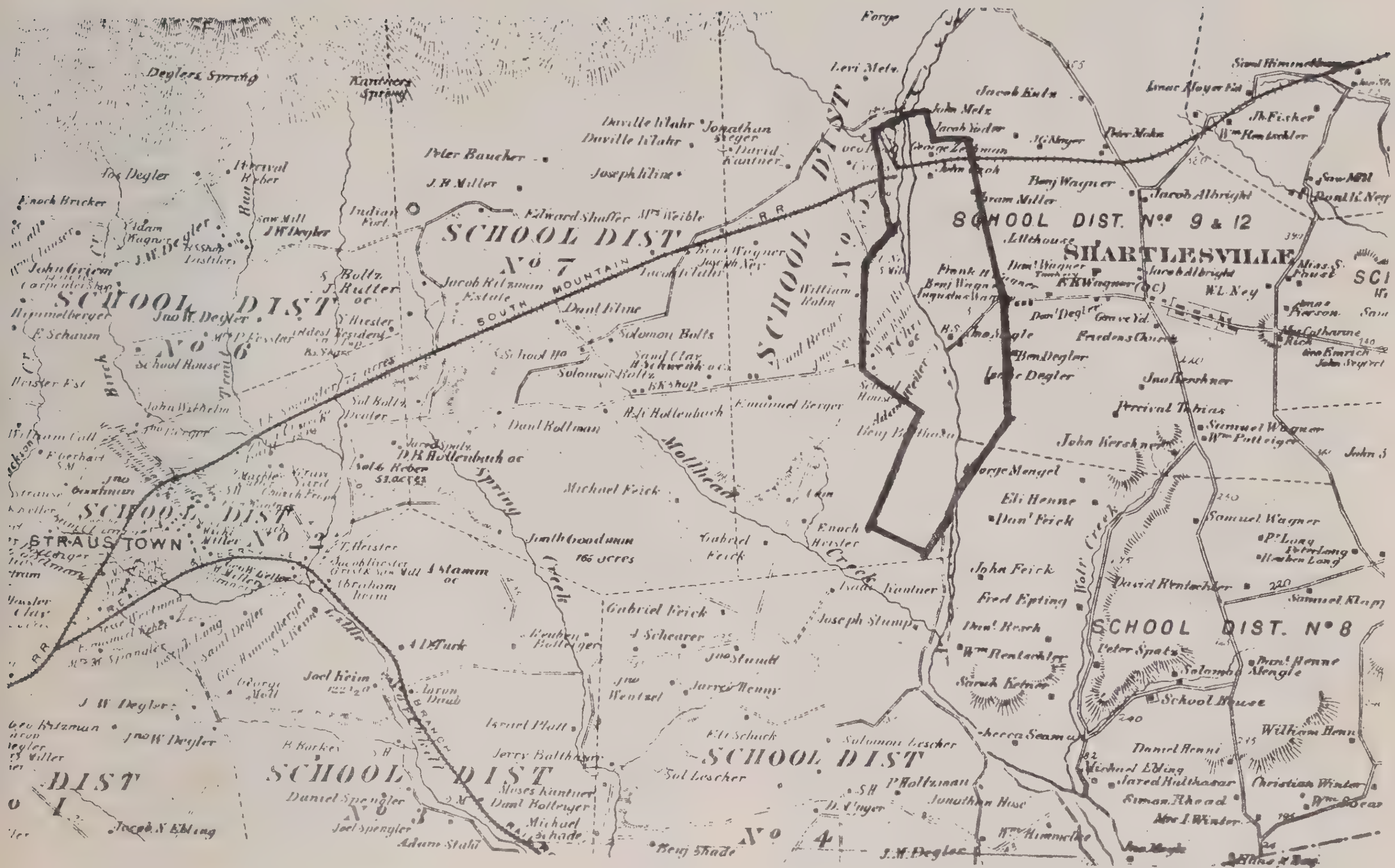


This section is drawn per deed draft of the John H. Blank homesteas as it was when his son, Jacob, conveyed it to Samuel Kurtz in 1816. Note the three Kurtz farms on this 1864 atlas. Perhaps they were descendants of John H. Blank. To the Southeast (Levi Mentzer) was the farm of Nicolas Blank. He left three sons at the time of his death in 1811, namely, John, Jacob and Christian. The Reinholdsville on this map is Blainsport today. John H. Blank and his sons had other farms in Cocalico Township. Time and space does not permit those drafts.



The section drawn on this landgrant map shows how the John H. Blank farm was purchased in pieces. The largest portion was off of the original Hans Zimmerman (1739) 1042 acre tract. The north portion was off of Hans Zimmerman Jr. A center piece and water right was off of Samuel Harnish. Hans Zimmerman Jr. and Samuel Harnish were sons-in-law of Peter Bricker. Peter Zimmerman was perhaps a grandson.

The creek running lengthwise through this section is a branch of the Cocalico, called Harnish Run. The road on the boundary is called Lancaster Road on a 1829 landgrant sketch.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John Metz
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Jonathan Seyer
David Kantner
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J. B. Miller
Joseph Kline
Joe Degler
Enoch Bricker
Indian Fort
Edward Shaffer
Mrs Weible
SCHOOL DIST No 7
SOUTH MOUNTAIN
R.R.
SCHOOL DIST No 5
SCHOOL DIST No 6
SCHOOL DIST No 9 & 12
SHARTLESVILLE
Benj Wagner
Jacob Albright
Fredens Church
Ben Degler
Jno Kerschner
Percival Tobias
John Kershner
George Mengel
Eli Henne
Danl Frick
John Frick
Fred Epting
Samuel Wagner
David Rentschler
SCHOOL DIST. No 8
Peter Spatz
Solomon Alengle
School House
William Henne
Daniel Henne
Michael Ebling
Jared Balthasar
Christian Winter
Simon Rhead
Mrs I. Winter
STRAUS TOWN
SCHOOL DIST No 2
Solomon Boltz
Danl Kline
Michael Frick
Mollhead Creek
Spring Creek
Gabriel Frick
Enoch Heister
Isaac Kantner
Joseph Stump
Danl Reech
Wm Rentschler
Sarah Ketner
Rebecca Seaman
Solomon Lescher
Sol Lescher
Eli Schock
SCHOOL DIST No 4
P Holtzman
Jonathan Hose
Wm Himmelber
J. M. Degler
Benj Shade
SCHOOL DIST No 3
Daniel Spengler
Joel Spengler
Adam Stahl
Michael Schade
Moses Kantner
Danl Holleiger
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Joel Klein
J. W. Degler
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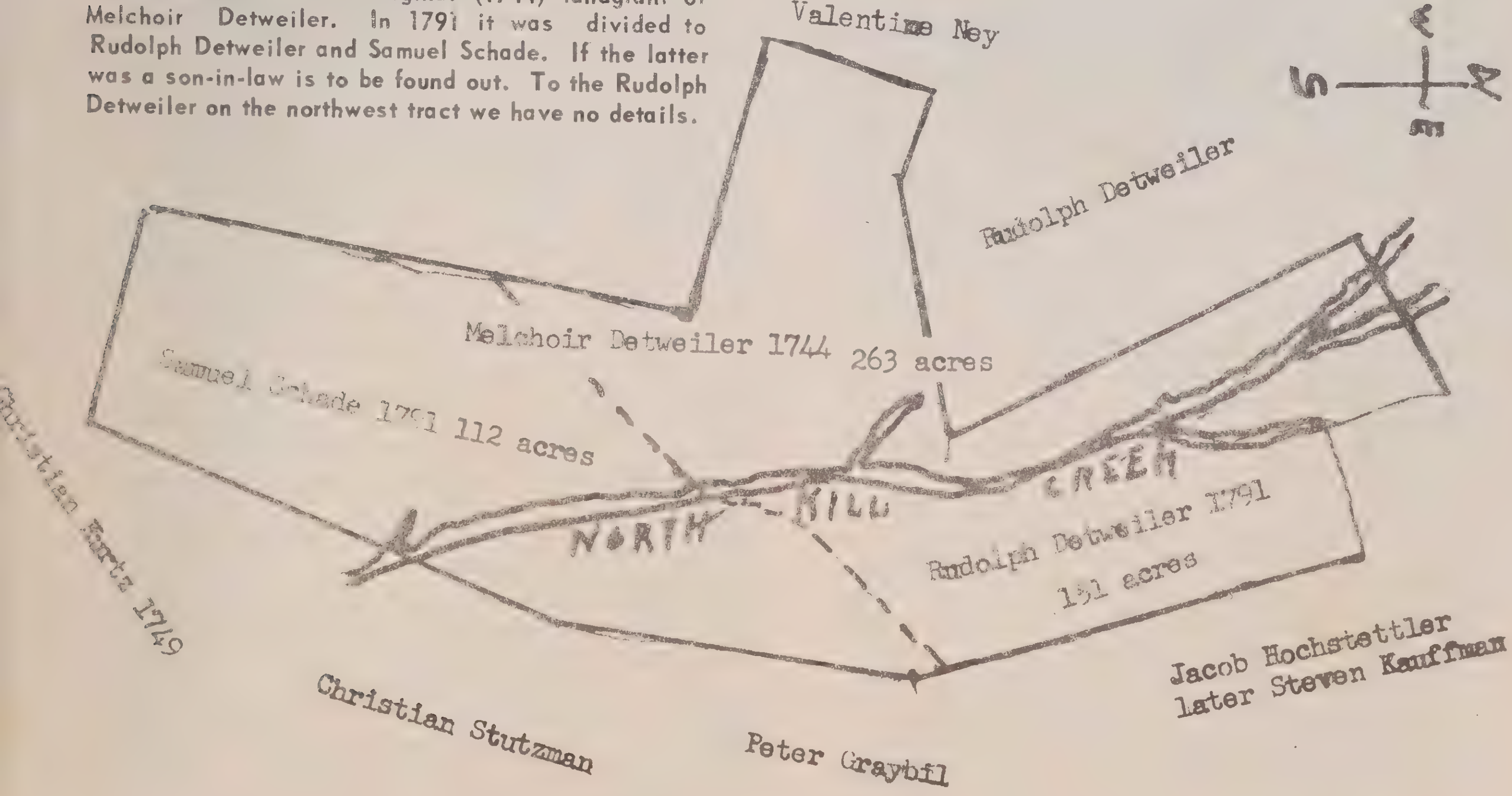
Jacob N. Ebling
DIST No 1
Wolf Creek
Smith Goodman
D. H. Hollenbach
Emanuel Berger
Jacob Ritzman Estate
Wm Klahr
William Rohn

The sketch is the original (1744) landgrant of Melchoir Detweiler. In 1791 it was divided to Rudolph Detweiler and Samuel Schade. If the latter was a son-in-law is to be found out. To the Rudolph Detweiler on the northwest tract we have no details.


Valentine Ney
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Rudolph Detweiler
Melchoir Detweiler 1744 263 acres
Samuel Schade 1791 112 acres
Christian Zartz 1749
NORTH KILL CREEK
Rudolph Detweiler 1791
151 acres
Christian Stutzman
Peter Graybil
Jacob Hochstettler
later Steven Kauffman

OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Landgrants

Continued from last month

The Detweiler Family

The Detweiler families today are not so numerous in Raber Almanac lists, Diary index lists, nor in directory lists in America, as most other names. They will rate about equal with the Petersheims or the Lantzs and other unpopular names. East of the Susquehanna there are none, in spite of the fact that they originate from this eastern area. Raber's Old Order ministers list gives us only five ordained men. However, the Detweiler blood line constitutes a much larger portion of the whole body in America. We have a note from the Hugh Gingerich studies that tradition says the Detweilers were exceptionally tall, perhaps the tall and stocky Bylers of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania have inherited this from Maternal Detweiler lines.

It has long been known that Melchoir Detweiler was the forefather. A footnote on page 99 of the old Hertzler book makes this clear. It adds that Melchoir had four sons, namely, Christian, Jacob, John, and Rudolf. Rudolf apparently is the only one that gave progeny to our church. He is said to have been born in 1733, which would have made him three years old when he came to America.

The Detweilers in Europe

Among European Anabaptist and Mennonite lists the name Detweiler is likewise not the most popular. The name is without doubt of Swiss origin. Like most of our names it has various spellings. In "Bernese Anabaptists" by Delbert Gratz the name "Dätwyler" is among a list of Anabaptists in Bern regions in the forepart of the eighteenth century. In the "Bernese Taufer" by Ernst Muller we find a "Dutweiler" in the "Gemeinde of Spitalhof, ½ stunde von Neustadt in der Pfaltz" in 1732. Jacob Dettweiler is on the Zweibrucken ministers list in 1779, 1781, and 1787. This list gives him three different spellings, Tedweiler and Thatweiler.

From the Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. 11, page 40, we can add some references of the Detweilers who followed Hans Reist. The family of Johannes Dettweiler settled in Rhenish Hesse. A certain J. N. Schwerz attributes the introduction of gypsum as fertilizer in Palatinate agriculture to Dettweiler. In this family were men of significance, they were known to secure the best stock of goats from Switzerland and contributed to scientific farming and dairy associations.

The Faust and Brumbauch lists of Swiss emigrants to America, page 196, give an account of Anna Catherine Detweiler of Reigoldswils. She was baptized September 1738, wife of Hans Frey, son of Jacob Frey. Their children, Hans, Jacob, and Nicolas were baptized in 1765 and 1771. If this is the Hans Frey that lived in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania is to be found out yet.

From a 1962 Paul Schowalter letter of Weirerhof, Germany to Leroy Stoltzfus of Leola, Pa. we find that Bishop Schowalter had done some research on Mennonite family names of the Ringweiler hof of 1780, and suggests that the wife of Nicolas Stoltzfus was either a Bachman or a Detweiler.

The Detweilers in America

The Strassberger-Hinke list has Melchior Detweiler on ship Augusta to land on Sept. 16, 1736. In 1744 a tract was granted to him in Berks Co., Pa. on the Northkill Creek at the foot of the Blue Mountains. In 1791 a north portion of the tract (151 acres) was warranted to his son Rudolph. Melchoir probably died in Berks County, and is likely buried in a homestead burial plot, although we have no definite information.

According to the old Hertzler book reference Rudolph had four sons, namely, Rudolph, Henry, Jacob and Christian. In 1789 Christian married to Barbara Fisher near the Blue Mountains and shortly afterwards moved with his father to Somerset Co., Pa.; removed from there in 1791 and took his father with him to Brady Twp., Huntingdon Co., Pa. However, from the will of Rudolph Detweiler, we can quote that his eldest son was Christian and Jacob is to be the executor. He does not mention the names of two of the four boys, but he does include three daughters as heirs and does not name them. The will was written in 1794, he was then in Tulpehockin Twp., Berks Co., Pa. and it was recorded in Reading Pa. He died in 1797 in Huntington County and is buried in the Christian Detweiler homestead burial about a mile west of Allensville, Pennsylvania.

Other Detweilers are found in tax returns at various places as follows: John Detweiler, 1779, in Lebanon Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; David Detweiler, 1779, in Derry Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; Jacob Detweiler, on the same list, and another Jacob Detweiler in 1779 in Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. Possibly this is the son of Rudolph and the two names could be one man living on the border of the township. Christian Detweiler is listed on 1782 tax returns in West Caln Twp., Chester Co., Pa. These lists are all in areas where Amish communities were springing but we have no more definite information of them.

To be continued Joseph F. Beiler

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FARM ACCIDENT FATAL TO IND. CHILD

Rosanna, 15-month-old daughter of Ivan and Mary (Herschberger) Gingerich of Kokomo R5, Ind., died enroute to hospital on the evening of Oct. 31st. Her grandfather, Andy A. Herschberger, was there helping Ivan in the shop that afternoon and when Andy wanted to go home he and Ivan both walked out to the tractor and didn't notice that Rosanna followed them. After starting up they heard her give one cry, upon investigating saw one of three wheels to each side of a large flat-bed trailer which was hitched to tractor, on her head. She still had heartbeat but was unconscious the rest of the time. (See obituary)

INJURIES FATAL TO IOWA GIRL

Susie Gingerich, age 15, daughter of Rudy and Susie (Petersheim) Gingerich, of Hazleton, Iowa, was injured in a fall from the rear end of a farm wagon, landing on her head on a hard surface. They were making preparations to go out and finish husking corn by hand. Susie was rushed to Iowa City Hospital and operated on, then died two days later on Nov. 8th. (See obituary)

BARN RAZED BY FIRE IN LANCASTER CO., PA.

Before dawn Friday morning, Nov. 29th, fire gutted the two-story barn on the farm of Mrs. Mary Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, located on Irishtown Road. The fire was believed to have been caused by diesel fuel stored in a house near the southeast corner of the building, and was discovered by Elmer Stoltzfus who was attracted to the blaze by a barking dog. although the stone and frame structure was destroyed, there were no injuries or loss of livestock. Elam Stoltzfus, Elmer's twin brother, said there were 30 cows, seven mules, three horses and a colt in the building along with 3,000 bales of hay and 100 bales of corn fodder. Damage was estimated at $75,000.

PA. BOY DIED 8 DAYS AFTER FARM ACCIDENT

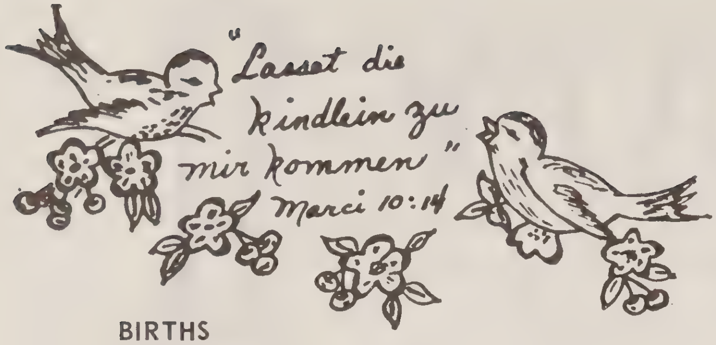
Elmer J. Fisher, 10, son of Elmer and Annie (Kauffman) Fisher, Christiana R1, Pa., died Sunday, Nov. 10th, in Osteopathic Hospital, Lancaster, eight days after being trapped under a wagon load of potatoes on his father's farm. He suffered brain damage in the unusual accident. The boy was riding on the wagon on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, when it upset. He was pinned under the conveyance and its cargo for about 15 minutes before his father could dig him out. The boy was in the hospital's intensive care unit until he died. (See obituary)

OHIO MAN HAD HEART ATTACK

Aaron D. Schlabach, 54, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio, died Sunday evening, Nov. 10th, of a heart attack. They had been to visit her sister and family and came home to help with the chores. He didn't go to the barn right away because he said he had gas pains. When he failed to come to the barn they thought he went to feed the pigs. After they were done milking they looked for him in every building then decided he had gone to the cistern as they were having water trouble. Halfway up the pasture lane they saw that the gate to the barley field was open, and found him lying there dead. Apparently he had chased the heifers out but didn't get the gate closed before he fell over backwards. He had no heart trouble that he knew of. (See obituary)

ILLINOIS BOY RUN OVER BY FARM WAGON

Larry Dale Jess, age 5, son of John and Viola (Helmuth) Jess, of Arthur, Ill., was pronounced dead on arrival at the Medical Center Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. He was on a cart which was attached to a wagon load of corn. He apparently got off the cart and fell and a wheel of the wagon ran over his head. He was found by his mother who had been with her son just before the fatal accident. The accident occured on the Jess farm located one mile east and 3½ miles south of Arthur. (See obituary)



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ALLGYER, John R. Jr. (Sarah S. Lapp) Gap R1 a son REUBEN S., November 20

BEILER, Amos E. (Rachel K. Lapp) Kirkwood R1 a son JOSEPH L., October 31

BEILER, Benjamin F. (Sarah G. Fisher) Christiana R1, Box 378, a daughter KATIE F., November 23

BEILER, Christian L. (Sylvia Lapp) Ronks R1 a daughter KATIE L., November 27

BEILER, Ira S. (Malinda Fisher) Paradise R1 a daughter BARBARA, November 13

BEILER, John I. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a son CHRISTIAN K., November 1

BEILER, John L. (Sylvia Glick) Christiana R1 a daughter BARBARA, November 3

BEILER, John S. (Lizzie E. Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter LENA L., November 27

BEILER, Sam Z. (Lydia King) Kirkwood R1 a daughter REBECCA S., November 8

BEILER, Steven (Malinda Stoltzfus) Gap R1 a daughter ANNIE, November 23

FISHER, Levi S. (Naomi L. Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R1 a daughter MARY SUE, November 16

FISHER, Levi S. Jr. (Lydia K. Stoltzfoos) Paradise R1, a daughter SARAH ANN, November 9

GLICK, Eli K. (Sadie B. Zook) Quarryville R3 a son SAMUEL B., November 3

GLICK, Elmer K. (Fannie S. Zook) Gap R1 a daughter ANNA, November 28

GLICK, Emery (Katie King) Leola R1 a daughter VERNA, November 12

GLICK, Henry M. (Salome E. Fisher) 2003 Penwick Rd. Lancaster, a son ELAM M., November 4

KAUFFMAN, Daniel (Lizzie Esh) Strasburg R1 a daughter KATIE E. November 4

KING, David B. (Lizzie L. Smoker) 1927 Horseshoe Rd. a son DAVID J., November 27

KING, Samuel E. (Mary Zook) Quarryville R3 a daughter, November 20

LAPP, Amos (Lydia Lapp) Gordonville R1 a son DAVID, November 3

LAPP, Ben S. (Mary K. Stoltzfus) Lititz R1 a daughter MAMIE S., November 28

LAPP, Daniel E. (Lydia K. King) 1250 Penn Grant Rd. Lancaster, a son JONAS K., November 21

LAPP, Eli K. (Katie S. Lapp) Gordonville R1 a son ELI K. JR., November 15

LAPP, Henry (Barbara King) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son JOHN DANIEL, November 16

LAPP, Sylvan (Lydia King) Gordonville R1 a son ALLEN K., November 24

STOLTZFOOS, David Z. (Emma L. Petersheim) Leola R1, a daughter EMMA P., November 16

STOLTZFUS, Abner L. (Sarah B. King) Peach Bottom R2, a daughter ANNA, November 10

STOLTZFUS, Aquilla (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter, November 15

STOLTZFUS, Benjamin (Christiana Diener) Kinzers R1 a son BEN JR., November 25

STOLTZFUS, Daniel K. (Rebecca Esh) Ronks R1 a son ALVIN E., November 21

STOLTZFUS, Elam L. (Arie Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1 a son ABNER, November 3

STOLTZFUS, Ivan L. (Rebecca B. Fisher) New Holland R2, a daughter ELIZABETH, November 9

STOLTZFUS, Jacob M. (Rachel B. King) Quarryville R3, a son BENNIE, November 17

STOLTZFUS, John S. (Lydia Esh) Gordonville R1 a daughter MARY E., November 19

STOLTZFUS, Levi S. (Lydia Ann Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter ANNA MARY, November 14

STOLTZFUS, Menno (Arie Fisher) Christiana R1 a son ELAM, November 24

ZOOK, John K. (Mary Z. King) Lititz R4 a daughter LINDA, November 24

ZOOK, Melvin K. (Mary F. King) Christiana R1 a daughter LENA MAE, November 19

Dover, Delaware

BRENNEMAN, Simon E. (Lydia Yoder) a daughter, November 30

MAST, Daniel S. (Lizzie Ann Miller) a daughter LILLIAN, November 21

MAST, David J. (Neoma Troyer) a son SAMUEL JAY, November 11

MAST, Jacob Yost (Mary Ann Coblents) a son ERVIN JAY, November 11

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HOSTETLER, Isaac (Sarah Peachey) Mechanicsville a daughter ANNIE, November 26

ZOOK, Ben (Naomi Hostetler) Mechanicsville a son LEROY, November 26

Bradford County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Andy (Rhoda Yoder) Wyalusing a son CRISTY, November 26

BYLER, John (Rosie Nissley) Wyalusing a daughter CATHERINE, October 31

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

ESH, Stephen S. (Rachel Zook) Myerstown R1 a daughter MATTIE, November 5

SMOKER, Benuel B..(Naomi Peachey) Myerstown R3 a daughter SADIE, November 16

SMOKER, Eli K..(Fannie Lantz) Myerstown R2 twins LEAH & LIZZIE, November 24

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

KING, Daniel B. (Susie Esh) Newburg R1 a son LEROY, November 28

Centre County, Pennsylvania

FISHER, Reuben E. (Rachel Stoltzfus) a son MELVIN, November 10

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

SMOKER, Jacob (Sarah Zook) LogantonR2 a son JONAS, November 10

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

PEACHEY, Josiah (Annie Peachey) Belleville a son JOSIAH, November 12

PEACHEY, Kore (Fannie Peachey) Belleville a son ABRAM, November 5

SWAREY, Isaac (Lavina Kanagy) Belleville a son TIMOTHY, November 22

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Adam J. (Nancy Kanagy) Mifflintown R2 a son GIDEON, November 19

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

BENDER, Harvey G.(Ella Yoder) Grantsville, Md. a daughter , November 25

YODER, Mrs. Annie B. (Widow of Lewis P..Yoder) Springs, a daughter MARY, November 3

Wayne County, Ohio

MILLER, Jonas J. (Katie Kauffman) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter ROSANNA, November 6

MILLER, Levi J. (Mary Miller) Apple Creek R2 a daughter ESTHER, November 6

MILLER, Reuben (Mattie Wengerd) Orrville R3 a daughter ANNA in October

SCHLABACH, Alvin (Ella Stutzman) Apple Creek R2 a son, November 14

TROYER, Abe M. R. (Emma Yoder) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter ANNA, October 20

TROYER, Roy E. (Anna Miller) Fredericksburg R2 a daughter, November 10

WEAVER, Dan E. (Clara Troyer) Big Prairie R1 a daughter MARY ANN, November 7

YODER, Abe J. (Fannie Chupp) Fredericksburg R2 a son ERVIN, November 4

YODER, Emery (Esther Troyer) Apple Creek R2 twins, IVAN and IVA in October

Holmes County, Ohio

COBLENTZ, Ben W. (Arie Yoder) Millersburg R5 a daughter SHARON, November 17

ERB, Mose J. (Naomi Miller) a son, November 3

HERSHBERGER, Joas H. (Martha A. Yoder) Millersburg R5, a son ROBERT, November 6

KAUFFMAN, Abe J. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg R5 a daughter CLARA, October 21

MILLER, Albert A. (Mae Miller) Millersburg R5 a son, November 2

MILLER, Pete M. (Katie M. Coblentz) Millersburg a daughter MARY, November 26

MILLER, Wayne J. (Sara Yoder) Baltic a daughter, November 14

RABER, Mr. and Mrs. Eli P., Millersburg R2 a daughter MARY ESTHER, November 13

RABER, John J. (Ruth Hostetler) Millersburg R5 a daughter ELSIE, October 30

RABER, Robert E. (Amanda Miller) Holmesville R1 a daughter CARRIE ANN, November 24

SCHLABACH, Roman S. (Katie Miller) Baltic a daughter, November 14

STUTZMAN, Albert Jr. (Emma Keim) Millersburg R5 a daughter LEANNA, November 9

WEAVER, Melvin Jr. (Fannie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, a daughter ELSIE MARIE, November 9

WEAVER, the late Wayne E. (Susie E. Mast) Shreve R2, a son WAYNE, November 15

YODER, Abe A. (Edna Miller) Sugarcreek a son MOSE, November 7

YODER, Eli J. (Verba Miller) Sugarcreek a son, November 4

YODER, Ferman E. (Esther Kurtz) Sugarcreek a son MATTHEW, November 9

YODER, Larry W. (Sarah Ann Miller) a daughter JENELLA, November 23

YODER, Levi E. (Esther Burkholder) Millersburg R2 a daughter MARTHA, November 15

YODER, Mose E. (Karie Ann Troyer) Millersburg R2 a daughter ELSIE, November 13

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Pre. William J .E..(Cora M.Miller) a daughter ELIZABETH, October 18

FISHER, Lester and wife a daughter, November 30

HERSHBERGER, Allen (Nancy Detweiler) a daughter WILMA, October 1

HERSHBERGER, Crist N .(Fannie Slabaugh) a daughter MALINDA,

MILLER, Dan E.(Linda Troyer) a daughter, October 15

MILLER, John M. (Saloma Miller) a son, November 30

MILLER, William J.(Barbara Byler) a daughter ESTHER, November 21

STOLTZFUS, Emanuel (Mary Ann Detweiler) a son, November 15

TROYER, John J..(Wilma Glick) a daughter, October 25

YODER, Elmer A..(Sarah Byler) a son, November 21

Stark County, Ohio

MILLER, Lloyd and Ruth, Hartville
a son TIMOTHY, November 19

Ashtabula County, Ohio

MILLER, Chester D..(Sadie Byler) North Bloomfield
a son DAVID,

Centreville, Michigan

BONTRAGER, Amos C..(Katie D. Bontrager) Centreville R1, a son DANIEL A., November 21
MILLER, Ura (Mattie Schrock) Centreville R1
a daughter MARILYN, November 3
YODER, Irvin, Jr. (Irene Bontrager) Colon R1
a son RAYMOND, November 3
YODER, Orlis (Maryetta Lehman) Mendon R1
a son MATTHEW JAMES, November 14
YODER, Philip (Esther) Colon R1
twins MERLIN RAY & MARLIN JAY, November 7

Bronson, Michigan

HERSHBERGER, Joni (Ida Miller)
a daughter LAURA, November 1

Allen County, Indiana

BRANDENBERGER, Enos (Rose Steury) New Haven
a son VICTOR, November 19
EICHER, Christ (Amanda Graber) Grabill
a son JOHN, November 24
LENGACHER, Enos (Kathryn Schmucker) Spencerville R1, a daughter AMANDA, October 29
LENGACHER, John (Ida Christner) Grabill
a daughter ELIZABETH ANN, November 4

Ashley, Indiana

MAST, Henry (Katie Schmucker) Ashley R1
a son JACOB, November 10

Adams County, Indiana

EICHER, Ben J. (Clara N. Schwartz) Berne R2
a son, November 14
EICHER, Menno V. (Edna Petersheim) Geneva R2
a daughter LYDIA, November 19
SCHWARTZ, Enos A. (Emma Troyer) Monroe R1
a son JERRY, November 18
SCHWARTZ, Jacob K. (Deliliah Eicher) Berne R2
a daughter KATIE, in November
SCHWARTZ, Jonas M. (Ann Eicher) Geneva R1
a daughter SARAH, Nov. 29, died same day
SCHWARTZ, Leander M. (Emma Hilty) Monroe R1
a son JOSEPH, November 1
SCHWARTZ, Reuben N. (Mary Eicher) Monroe R1
a son JOSEPH, November 10
SCHWARTZ, Walter F. (Miriam Girod) Berne R1
a son MARK, November 12
SCHWARTZ, Willie G. (Lizzie K. Schwartz) Berne R2
a son WILLIAM in November
SHETLER, Andy J. (Sovilla K. Hilty) Monroe R1
a son URIAH, November 29
TROYER, LaVern C. (Carol Hilty) Berne R1
a daughter LORA, November 6
WICKEY, Johnny L. (Annie M. Hilty) Decatur R4
a son JOHN JR., November 30

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Abe W..(Anna Graber) Shipshewana R1
a daughter EMMA A., October 27
EASH, Ernest (Wilma Miller) LaGrange R4
a son ELMER E., November 1
FRY, Joseph L..(Mattie Kurtz) LaGrange R4
a daughter KATHRYN J., November 1
HOCHSTEDLER, Andrew (Carrie Kuhns) LaGrange R4
a daughter EDNA A., November 22
HOCHSTEDLER, Harley (Elizabeth Miller) LaGrange R1
a daughter MARY ELLEN, October 28
LEHMAN, Amos (Ruby Miller) Topeka R2
a son CLETUS A., November 16
MILLER, Alvin (Alice Bontrager) Millersburg R1
a son NORMAN A., October 28
MILLER, Clarence J..(Verna Eash) Topeka R2
a daughter SUE ANNA, October 25
MILLER, Elmer (Mary Hochstedler) Shipshewana R1
a daughter MARLA ANN, October 29
MILLER, Orva (Esther Mast) Topeka R1
a son ERVIN O., November 6
RABER, Levi M. (Irene Miller) Topeka R1
a daughter SARAH JEAN, November 12
SCHLABACH, Samuel (Ruby Stutzman) LaGrange R2
a daughter LEONA, October 29
STUTZMAN, Joe D..(Lydiann Raber) LaGrange R4
a daughter ELSIE J., November 3
WENGARD, Allen (Joan Hostetler) Topeka R2
a daughter LYDIA A., November 17
WHETSTONE, Glen (Alma Hochstedler) Topeka R2
a son CALVIN G., October 25
YODER, Melvin (LeAnna Byler) Shipshewana R1
a daughter MARIE M., November 11
YODER, Wilbur Lee (Amanda Raber) LaGrange R1
a son JOE DEVON, October 28

Elkhart County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, David (Laura Bontrager) Middlebury R2
a son NORMAN, October 23
EICHER, Ben (Betty Zehr) Shipshewana
a son DEVON ALLEN, November 8
MILLER, Larry (Mary Miller) Goshen R1
a son LARRY EUGENE, November 14
MILLER, LaVern (Polly Anna Lehman) Middlebury R3
a daughter MARY ESTHER, October 21
SCHWARTZ, Homer (Etta Fern Miller) Goshen R1
a son KENNETH, October 30
STOLTZFUS, Allen (Katie Riegsecker) Middlebury
a son MERLE DEAN, November 11
TROYER, Wayne (Erma Miller) Goshen R1
a daughter MARY ELLEN, October 26
YODER, Tobie (Leanna Whetstone) Middlebury R3
a daughter MARTHA MARIE, November 8

Arthur, Illinois

BURKHOLDER, Mervin (Wilma Gingerich)
a daughter JANELL ANN, November 17
GINGERICH, Eli (Doris Yoder)
a daughter NORMA FAYE, November 16
HERSCHBERGER, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin
a son PAUL, November
HERSCHBERGER, Nelson (Clara Bontrager)
a son STEVEN, November 17

MAST, Mr. and Mrs. Herald
a daughter DENA, November 26
MILLER, Amzy (Mary Yoder)
a son DARRELL, November 14
MILLER, Harvey (Ada Otto)
a daughter LAURA MAE, November
MILLER, Melvin (Katie Ann Mast)
a son LYNN MARCUS, November 6
PLANK, Norman (Emma Mae Schrock)
a son LEON, November 7
PLANK, Willis (Viola Jess)
a son STEVEN, November
SCHROCK, Ivan (Pauline Mast)
a slon LEROY EUGENE, November 8

Guthrie, Kentucky
MILLER, Perry (Linda Kanagy) Guthrie R2
a daughter ROSEANNA LINDA, November 11
PEACHEY, Thomas (Leah Yoder) Guthrie R2
a daughter RACHEL
YODER, Isaac (Lavina Peachey) Guthrie R2
a son LUKE JOHN, November 1

Trenton, Kentucky
TROYER, John (Anna Mast)
a son JOHN JR., November 2

Garnett, Kansas
YODER, Lester H. (Katie Miller)
a daughter MARLYN LOUISE, November 9

Audrain County, Missouri
HOCHSTETLER, Joe (Katie Borntreger) Clark
a son LEVI, November

Jamesport, Missouri
BONTRAGER, Olen (Elizabeth Kauffman)
a stillborn daughter BERTHA, November 17
DETWEILER, Joe (Mattie Schrock)
a daughter MALINDA, October 31

Buchanan County, Iowa
BEECHY, Jerry (Verna Helmuth) Hazleton
a daughter LAURA, November 5

Johnson County, Iowa
HOCHSTEDLER, Lloyd (Miriam Schlabach)
a daughter, November 20
MILLER, Jerry (Irene Kauffman)
a son DANIEL, November 19

Vernon County, Wisconsin
MILLER, Amos (Elizabeth Ann Hershberger) Cashton
a son LEVI, November 9
MILLER, Andy (Martha Miller) Cashton
a son REUBEN, October 31

Medford, Wisconsin
BORNTREGER, Chester (Fannie S. Borntreger)
a daughter in November

Wadena, Minnesota
MAST, Amos (Alma Schrock)
a daughter ALMA LOUISE, November 27

Lucknow, Ontario
SHETLER, Mosie J. (Ella Gingerich) Dungannon R1
a son JOE, November 4

Milverton, Ontario, Canada
KUEPFER, Ivan (Dorothy Kuepfer) Millbank R1
a daughter, November 26
ZEHR, Joe (Elizabeth Kuepfer) Linwood R1
a son DANIEL, November 1
ZEHR, Sam (Eva Jantzi) Milverton R1
a daughter SARAH, November 9

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada
BORNTRAGER, Clements and Sarah
a son AMMON, October 29
STUTZMAN, Dan and Anna
a daughter AMELIA, November 22

BAPTISMS

Franklin County, Pennsylvania
Sept. 22, by Bishop John S. Glick
Eva, dau. of Sam and Eva Kauffman
Eva, dau. of Mike and Anna Kauffman
Susie, dau. of Isaac and Nancy Esh

Buchanan County, Iowa
November 3rd
Maryann, dau of Bishop John Nislys
Katie, dau. of Dan Kurtzs

LEBANON COUNTY FIRE SCARE

Amos G. Lantz's of Lebanon R1, Pa. had a fire scare Friday, Nov. 29th. His wife, Katie, was at her parents' place, and took the children along, to help bake church pies. Amos was at home alone and put a few boards on top of the heatrola and put a bucket with vegetable oil on which he wanted to warm up to put in his cow feed. After being out a short time he noticed smoke coming from the chimney and when he got in it was black with smoke. He ran to call the fire engine and till he came back he couldn't get in anymore. Some clothes that were hanging around and part of the kitchen ceiling were burned. Most of the windows in the kitchen were cracked, but most of the house had only smoke and water damage.

90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN GAINS SIGHT

Mrs. Menno (Mattie Hochstetler) Borntrager had a Cataract operation Nov. 7th. She stood the operation well and is now able to see again. Her arteries in back of the eye were damaged so she will never again see to read but now knows strangers by sight. She was partially blind from Jan. 1974 to March and totally blind from March to November. Dec. 3rd was her 91st birthday. Her address is Box 11, Anabel, Missouri 63431.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Lancaster County, Pa.

A 70-acre farm, sold Saturday, Nov. 30th in Paradise Twp., was bought by a young Amish farmer for $237,000, a little over $3500 per acre.

OBITUARIES

BLANK, Daniel K., 48, of Narvon R2, Pa.

died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7th, in Owensboro Daviess County Hospital in Kentucky. He had been admitted to the hospital earlier in the day from the Robertson Clinic, Owensboro, Ky., where he had been a patient for a month. He was born in Lancaster County, a son of Lizzie (King) Blank, New Providence R1, and the late David R. Blank, and was the husband of Sarah (Stoltzfus) Blank. Besides his wife and mother he is survived by three daughters and two sons, Amanda, wife of Samuel Lapp, Leola, Barbara, Mary, Paul and Amos, all at home; eight sisters and five brothers, Lydia, wife of Gideon Smucker, of Quarryville R3; Mary, wife of Aaron Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; Fannie, wife of Samuel Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; Rachel, wife of Elam Allgyer, New Providence R1; Sarah, wife of Jonas Esch, New Providence R1; Lizzie, wife of Elmer Zook, Drumore R1; Arie, wife of Jacob Esch, New Providence R1; Jacob K., of Kinzers R1; David K., Lancaster; Henry K., Bird-in-Hand; John K., Christiana R1; Amos K., Honey Brook R2; and Ephraim K., Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held at the late home on Monday, Nov. 11th, at 11:30 a.m. by Pre. John U. Stoltzfus and Bishop Elam Kauffman; burial was in Stoltzfus Cemetery, Honey Brook.

EICHER, Martin, 11, White Pigeon, Michigan

son of Amos and Edna (Miller) Eicher, died Monday morning, Nov. 4th, in the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, where he had been a patient for seven weeks. He had cancer affecting his eyes and throat. Surviving with the parents are three brothers and six sisters, John, Perry, Raymond, Betty, Rosetta, Martha, Wilma, Marilyn and Rebecca, all at home; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Eicher of Shipshewana, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller of Bowling Green, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 8th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Leonard Miller home at Shipshewana R2 by Bishop Leonard H. Miller. Burial was in the Nahlor Cemetery.

ESCH, Mrs. Sarah K., 38, New Providence R2, Pa.

died unexpectedly at 4:42 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29th, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, from a heart attack. She was the wife of Jonas S. Esch. Born in Lancaster County, she was a daughter of Lizzie (King) Blank, New Providence R2, and the late David R. Blank. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by nine children at home, Benuel, Lizzie, Reuben, Lavina, Lydia, Esther, Jonas Jr., Menno, and Elam; and twelve brothers and sisters, Lydia, wife of Gideon Smucker, Quarryville R3; Mary, wife of Aaron P. Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; Jacob K. Blank, Kinzers R1; Rachel, wife of Elam Allgyer, New Providence R2; David K. Blank, Lancaster; Fannie, wife of Samuel L. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; Henry K. Blank, Bird-in-Hand R1; John R. Blank, Christiana R1; Amos K. Blank, Honey Brook R2; Lizzie, wife of Elmer Zook, Drumore R1; Arie, wife of Jacob Esch, New providence R2; and Ephraim K. Blank, of Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held at the late home on Monday, Dec. 2, at 9 a.m. by Abe Gingerich and John Beiler; hymn read by Joseph Blank; hymn at graveyard read by Amos U. Glick; abschied by Enos Glick. Burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

FISHER, Elmer J., 10, Christiana R1, Pa.

died Nov. 10th, eight days after being injured in a farm accident (see front page). Surviving are the parents, Elmer and Annie (Kauffman) Fisher; seven brothers and four sisters, John, Phares, Benjamin, Reuben, Stephen, Emanuel, Jonathan, Katie, Rebecca, Rachel and Sarah, all at home; paternal grandparents, Phares and Rebecca (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R1; and the maternal grandfather, Benjamin M. Kauffman, Christiana R1.

Funeral services were held at the late home on Monday, Nov. 11th, at 1 p.m. by Emanuel S. Fisher and Benuel Stoltzfus (great uncle). Burial was in Fisher's Cemetery, Christiana R1.

FISHER, Mrs. Lizzie, 42, of Gap R1, Pa.

was found dead at her home Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 1:30 p.m. She was born in Salisbury Township, a daughter of Jonathan and Katie (Zook) Zook of Lancaster and was the wife of Amos L. Fisher. She is survived by her husband, parents, six children, Levi, Emanuel, Katie, Naomi, Mary and Jonathan, all at home; two brothers and four sisters, David Zook of Christiana R1, Daniel Zook of Lancaster, Mrs. Rebecca Swarey of Mifflin Co., Pa., Lydia, wife of Joseph B. King, Lancaster, Annie, wife of Omar B. Stoltzfus, Pinegrove, Pa., and Katie, wife of Amos S. Lapp, Strasburg R1.

GINGERICH, Rosanna, 15 mo., Kokomo R5, Ind.

daughter of Ivan J. and Mary (Herschberger) Gingerich, died from injuries received in a farm accident Oct. 31st (see front page). She was born Aug. 1, 1973. Surviving with the parents are the grandparents, John Gingerich Jr. of Welda, Kansas and Andy A. Hershberger of Kokomo.

Funeral services were held Sunday a.m., Nov. 3, at Andy Herschbergers by Joe Hochstedler and Chriss Otto of Illinois. Burial was in Christner Cemetery.

GINGERICH, Susie, 15, of Hazleton, Iowa

died Nov. 8 from injuries received in a farm accident (see front page) at the age of 15 yr., 2 mo., 12 days. She was born Aug 27, 1959, a daughter of Rudy and Susie (Petersheim) Gingerich. Surviving with the parents are five brothers and two sisters, Dannie, married to Susie Kurtz; Martha, wife of Raymond Miller; Eddie, married to Emma Helmuth, John, Alma, Rudy Jr. and Ervin, at home, all of Hazleton, Iowa; three nephews, six nieces; grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Petersheim of Clark, Mo.; eight uncles and seven aunts.

Funeral services were held in the big house by Neal Lambright and Atlee Shetler; in the little house by Dan Helmuth and John Nisly; at Freeman Detweilers by Levi Nisly and Jonas Helmuth.

HOSTETLER, Mahlon D., 74, Shipshewana R2, Ind. died Monday, Oct. 28th, from an apparent heart attack while working with a team and wagon on his farm (see front page, October issue). He was born in Clay Twp., LaGrange Co. Oct. 7, 1900, and was a lifetime resident of the area. He was married March 9, 1922, to Lizzie Schrock, who survives. Also surviving are eight daughters, Mrs. Simon (Anna) Miller, Mrs. Henry (Orpha) Miller and Mrs. Ervin (Mary Etta) Eash, all of Shipshewana, Mrs. Mervin (Lizzie Ann) Lehman, of Topeka, Mrs. Mahlon (Freda) Raber of Middlebury, Leah at home and Mrs. John (Ida) Frey and Mrs. Freeman (Mabel) Mast, both of Ligonier; four sons, Eldon of Middlebury R1, Daniel and LaVern, both at home, and David of Hayward, Wis.;55 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. David (Mattie) Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mrs. David (Alice) Weaver of LaGrange and Nina Hostetler of Topeka.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the Noah Lehman home by Bishop Ervin Bontrager. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

JESS, Larry Dale, age 5, of Arthur, Illinois died Nov. 20 from injuries in a farm accident (see front page), at the age of 5 years and 6 days. He was born Oct. 26, 1969, a son of John and Viola (Helmuth) Jess. Surviving are his parents, one brother and three sisters, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Helmuth.

Funeral services were held at the Jess home on Sunday, Nov. 24, by Willis N. Herschberger and Alvin Miller from Iowa. Quite a few strangers attended from Iowa and Indiana.

KUEPFER, Amos H., 51, Millbank R1, Ontario died Nov. 20 at the Listowel Memorial Hospital. Born in Wellesly Twp., he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kuepfer. He is survived by his wife, the former Lena Kuepfer; sons, Leroy of Milverton R1, Reuben and Joseph, both of Millbank R1, Seranus, Raymond, Peter, Christian and Daniel, all at home; one daughter, Mary, at home; brothers, Solomon of Milverton R2 and Daniel of Millbank; sisters, Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Jantzi of Millbank, Mrs. Gideon (Annie) Streicher of Newton R1, Mrs. Michael (Esther) Streicher of Newton R1, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one daughter.

Funeral services were held at the home Nov. 24, by Bishop Amos Albrecht. Burial was in the 7th line Amish Mennonite Cemetery in Wellesly Township.

KUEPFER, Neil, 10, Millbank R1, Ontario died Nov. 21st at the Children's War Memorial Hospital, London, Ont. He was a Cystic Fibrosis patient. He was born in Mornington Twp., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Isreal Kuepfer. Surviving are the parents, these brothers and sisters, Joseph of Linwood R1, Jonathan, Nancy, Christina, and Sarah, all at home, and Mrs. Amos (Clara) Kuepfer of Linwood R1, the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Christian (Mary) Kuepfer of Atwood R2, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Josepf (Elizabeth) Albrecht of Millbank. He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Funeral services were held at the home by Levi Hershberger. Burial was in the 7th line Amish Mennonite Cemetery in Wellesly Township.

MILLER, Felty A., 72, Middlefield, Ohio died Nov. 20 after a lingering illness with Cancer. He was born Jan. 17, 1902, and was married Jan. 23, 1928 to Malinda Byler. Surviving are his widow; four sons, Albert of Warren, Joe of Chagrin Falls, and Elmer and Jonas of Middlefield; nine daughters, Mrs. Lester A. (Laura) Troyer, Mrs. Andrew (Barbara Ann) Byler, Mrs. Lester (Lovina) Burkholder, Mrs. Dan (Alta) Weaver, Mrs. Kenneth (Ada) Byler, Mrs. Sam (Mary Ann) Fisher, Mrs. Joseph (Alma) Miller, all of Middlefield, and Emma and Lydia, at home. A daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services were largely attended, held at three homes, by Bishop Dan N. Gingerich, Bishop Sam Erb, Pre. Sam V. Gingerich, Pre. John Miller from Nappanee, Ind., by Pre. Dan E. Miller and Pre. Dan U. Byler.

MILLER, John A., 88, of Howe R3, Indiana died Wednesday morning, Nov. 6th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Perry D. Eash of Howe R3, following an eight-month illness. He was born in Nappanee, July 31, 1886, a son of Aaron S. and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Miller, and was married Dec. 5, 1909, to Emma M. Borkholder, who preceded him in death. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Schrock of LaGrange, Mrs. Perry D. (Esther) Eash of Howe R3, Mrs. William G. (Kathie) Cross of Middlebury, Mrs. Ella J. Shively of Goshen and Mrs. John N. (Sarah Mae) Miller of Apple Creek, Ohio; two sons, Isaac of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Reuben of Nappanee; three brothers, Harvey of Middlebury, Dan A. of Nappanee and Manass of Logansport; 49 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and 23 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. in the Harvey A. Miller home at Bremen, by Bishop John Helmuth, Bishop Willis Hochstetler and Bishop Amzie Troyer. Burial was in the Borkholder Cemetery in Nappanee.

MILLER, Pre. Levi A., 43, of Milton, Iowa was killed on the highway when a truck ran into him. He is survived by his wife and ten children.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18th.

MILLER, Samuel L., 81, Kokomo R4, Indiana died in his home, Oct. 7, following an extended illness. Born Nov. 3, 1892 near Grantsville, Md., he was a son of Lafayette and Esther (Beachy) Miller, and was married Sept. 23, 1926 to Leah A. Helmuth who survives. Also surviving are four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Tobias (Mary) Miller, Miss Esther Miller, Mrs. Jacob (Tillie) Graber, Mrs. Arthur (Sarah) Graber, John Miller and Alvin Miller, all of Kokomo area; a brother, Noah Miller of Madison Co., Ohio; 18 grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Moses Bontragers, by Alvin T. Miller and Jonas Beachy of Kalona, Iowa. Burial was in Christner Cemetery.

MILLER, Susan (Schrock), 84, Vernon Co., Wis.
died Thursday, Nov. 21, at 12:10 p.m. after a week's illness. She attended her granddaughter's wedding at Medford, Wis. a week before her death. That day she got sick and got gradually worse. She knew everything up to the last morning, from then on her words were few. She fell into a peaceful sleep without a struggle. Doctor called it Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease. She was born Feb. 23, 1890 and died at the age of 84 yrs., 8 mo., 29 days. She was married to Sam S. Miller Sept. 27, 1917; he died July 27, 1970; they lived in matrimony 53 yrs., 2 mo.; she lived a widow 4 yrs., 3 mo., 25 days. Surviving are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Samuel J. (Emma) Gingerich of Clark, Mo., Mrs. Dan J. (Lydia) Kauffman of Fairbank, Iowa, Ammon of Medford, Wis., Moses of Blair, Wis., Mrs. Amos U. (Ella) Gingerich of Cashton, Wis., (where she had her home); four brothers, Joe M. Schrock of Sarasota, Fla., Mose of Aroda, Va., Will of Wadena, Minn., and Amos of Shipshewana, Ind.; six sisters, Mrs. Christ (Lizzie) Borntreger, Mrs. David Leroy (Emma) Nissley, Mrs. M. F. (Anna) Bontrager, all of Millersburg, Ind., Mrs. Sam S. (Lydia) Schrock of Haven, Kans., Mrs. C. R. (Polly) Borntrager of Amherst, Wis., and Mrs. Joe J. (Ella) Bontrager of Jamesport, Mo.; 40 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Her husband, her parents, four sisters and five grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at her home Nov. 24th.

MILLER, William W., 61, of Milton, Iowa
died of heart trouble and other complications. Funeral services were held Nov. 19th and largely attended.

OTTO, Mrs. Katie, 49, of Arthur, Illinois
died Nov. 1 in Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Ill. from burns received two days earlier (see front page, October issue). She was born June 4, 1925, a daughter of Menno A. and Barbara (Gingerich) Diener, and died at the age of 49 yrs., 4 mo., 27 days. She was married Oct. 17, 1946 to Amos D. Otto, son of Susana G. (Kaufman) and the late Daniel E. Otto. They lived in matrimony 28 yrs., and 14 days. She is survived by her husband; four sons and two daughters, Lewis, Mrs. Harvey (Mary) Chupp, Edna Mae, Daniel, David and Paul; her parents, and four grandchildren. One brother, Andrew, preceded her in accidental death in 1932.

Funeral services were held at the home 2½ miles southwest of Arthur, Nov. 4, with a large attendance. Service in the big house by Samuel Zook and Daniel Diener from Lancaster Co., Pa., psm read by Jacob Beachy from Ohio, Amos Miller from the home church gave age and closure; in the little house by Isaac Diener from Lanc. Co. and Cris Kaufman from Milton, Iowa, Homer Stoll from Daviess Co., Ind. read psm, Bishop Steve Kaufman gave age and closed. Burial was in Otto Cemetery.

SCHLABACH, Aaron D., 54, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio
died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, following a heart attack (see front page). He was born March 28, 1920 in Holmes County, a son of Dan J. and Mary A. (Beachy) Schlabach, and was married Jan. 11, 1945 to Fannie, daughter of Andy Millers of Charm, Ohio. He is survived by his wife; his mother; three daughters, Mrs. Jacob J. (Mary Ann) Miller of R1 Fredericksburg, Mrs. David J. (Martha) Hershberger, and Katie of the home (who had her 18th birthday on the day of her dad's funeral); one granddaughter; six brothers, Abe D. of Holmesville R1, Eli D. of Lakeville R1, John D. of Greenwich, Ohio, Roman D. of Seeny, Mich., David D. of Sarasota, Fla., and Manelius D. of Millersburg R2; two sisters, Mrs. Joni A. (Sarah) Yoder and Mrs. Abe J. (Fannie) Miller of Fredericksburg R2. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the residence in three houses; in the large house by Dan Lehman from Ind., Bishop Andy M. Miller and Bishop John Frey; by Ervin Hostetler from Ind. and Leroy Hostetler and the home minister in the other two houses. Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery, Salt Creek Township.

SCHWARTZ, Sarah J., infant, Geneva R1, Ind.
died at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Nov. 29th nine hours after premature birth. Surviving are the parents, Jonas M. and Ann (Eicher) Schwartz. One sister preceded in death. Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at the Sam J. Eicher home. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

WEAVER, Wayne E., 24, Shreve R2, Ohio
died at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at his home after being afflicted with cancer for over a year. He was born March 29, 1950 in Holmes County, a son of Emanuel A. and Verna (Swartzentruber) Weaver, and was married to Susie E. Mast, daughter of Eli D. Mast of Fredericksburg R2. He is survived by his wife, parents, two sons, Roy and David of the home (another son, Wayne, was born Nov. 15, three days after the funeral); three brothers, Raymond E. of Shreve R2, Paul E. of Millersburg R5, and Atlee of Holmesville R1; three sisters, Mrs. Melvin S. Miller and Mrs. Dan B. Weaver of Holmesville R1, and Mrs. Milton E. Troyer of the home.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, by John M. Miller and John J. Miller at the home place, and by Roy Wengerd and Joe J. Yoder at Raymond Weavers. Burial was in North Holmesville church cemetery.

WEAVER, Pre. William, 81, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio
died Tuesday morning, Nov. 12, after a long illness, he was bedfast for some time. Born in Holmes County June 13, 1893, he was a son of Tobias and Lydia (Hostetler) Weaver, and died at the age of 81 yrs. and 8 months. On March 11, 1920 he was married to Sarah Miller, who preceded him in death in 1968. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Henry J. (Esther) Miller and Miss Mary Weaver, both

of the home, and Mrs. Abe J. (Ella) Miller of Apple Creek R2; one son, Eli of Ashland, O.; 27 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Noah Chupp of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Levi of R2 Fredericksburg and Eli of Berlin. He was preceded in death by four brothers, five sisters and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday, Nov. 14, by Bishop Andy Weaver and Pre. Dan J. Schlabach. Burial was at Locust Grove.

YODER, Abe J., 72, of Apple Creek R1, Ohio
died Friday morning, Nov. 15, in his home following a long illness. Born Nov. 23, 1901 in Holmes County, he was a son of John D. and Katie (Raber) Yoder. Surviving are his widow, Barbara (Miller) Yoder, whom he married Jan. 10, 1929; six daughters and a son, Mrs. Albert E. (Clara) Hershberger of Holmesville, Mrs. John E. (Katie) Miller of Baltic, Miss Anna Yoder of Millersburg, Mrs. Andy A. (Ella) Miller of Orrville R3, Mrs. Levi (Emma) Hochstetler of St. Mary's, Ontario, Miss Ada Yoder of the home and Andy Yoder of Apple Creek R1; five sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday, Nov. 18, by Bishop David S. Troyer. Burial was in the Erb Cemetery.

YODER, Mrs. Sarah, 76, of Dalton R2, Ohio
died Tuesday night, Nov. 5, in her home of an apparent heart attack. She was a daughter of Christian D. and Mary (Raber) Schlabach and lived in the Dalton area 45 years. On Nov. 29, 1917, she was married to Dan E. Yoder who survives. Other survivors are three daughters and four sons, Mrs. Ervin (Esther) Weaver and Mrs. Henry (Anna) Wengerd, both of Dalton R1, Mrs. Ivan (Nettie) Mast and Henry Yoder of the home, Christ Yoder of Apple Creek R2, Melvin of Dundee R1, and Dan Jr. of Thompsontown, Pa.; 54 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the residence by Bishop Isaac Miller. Burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery.

YODER, Paul J., 20 of Milford R2, Indiana
died Nov. 28th in Elkhart General Hospital of Leukemia. He was born June 4, 1954, a son of Joe S. and Anna (Mullet) Miller, and died at the age of 20 yrs., 5 mo., 24 days. Surviving are his parents; seven brothers and six sisters; and both his grandmothers, Mrs. Ben Mullet of Milford, Ind. and Mrs. Sam Miller of Arthur, Ill. Both grandfathers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 1, in the home, a large group of relatives and friends assembled to pay their last respect.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Cashton, Wisconsin
Amos U. Gingerich was taken to Lutheran Hospital at Lacrosse, Nov. 25th, with a severe nervous condition. He will stay a week or so for xrays and tests. He was transferred to the psychiatric unit, and seems to be improving.

ORDINATIONS

Geauga County, Ohio
Lester E. Burkholder, 36, was ordained deacon in Dan N. Gingerich district, Oct. 12. He is a son of Eli E. and Nancy Burkholder and his wife is a daughter of Valentine A. and Maude Miller.

Joe J. Miller was ordained deacon in Andy C. Byler district, Oct. 12. He is a son of Mrs. Jonathan J. Miller and his wife, Catheryn, is a daughter of Mrs. David D. Miller.

Pre. Dan N. Wengard, 50, was ordained bishop in Jacob M. Gingerich west district, Oct. 13. He is a son of Noah and Emma Wengard and his wife, Nancy, is a daughter of Mrs. Mattie Mast and the late Pre. Jacob S. Mast.

Melvin M. Miller, 36, was ordained minister in Urie J. Miller district, Oct. 20. He is a son of Milo J. Miller and his wife, Mary, is a daughter of Mrs. Sam H. Hostetler.

Joe D. Fisher, 31, was ordained minister in Mespo district, Nov. 3. He is a son of Dan J. and Mary Fisher.

Mahlon M. Miller, was ordained minister in Pre. Gid P. Miller district, Nov. 7. He is a son of Menno P. Millers.

Allen County, Indiana
Alvin Graber, 26, Spencerville R1, was ordained minister in the Amos Schmucker district, Nov. 13. He is a son of Pre. Andy and Anna (Lengacher) Graber and is married to Barbara, daughter of Victor and Barbara (Wagler) Zehr.

LaGrange County, Indiana
Raymond Miller, 31, was ordained deacon in Daniel Bontrager north district. He is a son of Jacob J. and Wilma (Troyer) Miller and is married to Lovina, daughter of Bishop Amos U. and Fannie (Bontrager) Miller.

Ora Miller, 29, Wolcottville, was ordained minister in Joni B. Miller Slearspring District. He is a son of Bishop Sam J. and Mabel (Schlabach) Miller and is married to Susie, daughter of Tobe and the late Lydiann (Miller) Yoder.

Kokomo, Indiana
Pre. Noah Hochstedler, 69, was ordained bishop, Oct. 20. Others in the lot were Pre. Andy Herschberger and Pre. Freeman Otto.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario
Church was divided Oct. 13th. Jonas B. Borntrager was ordained minister for east district; Levi Hershberger was ordained deacon.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Adams County, Pa.
John B., 20, son of Stephen B. and Edith Fisher, accidentally shot himself in the calf of the leg with a 22 rifle Friday evening, Nov. 29th, narrowly missing the main blood artery. He was rushed to the hospital, was kept there a few days and is getting along satisfactorily.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Last Q. 7th	New M. 14th	First Q. 21st	Full M. 29th	1	2
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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil N. Hershberger

The first two weeks of November were pleasant, and milder than October. High temperature for the month was 78 degrees on the 4th, low was 15 on the 27th. Rainfall was still below normal with several showers totaling 1.3 in., enough that most fall seeding is well started. Farmers are shredding corn as storage space is available, cutting wood and doing other odd jobs that need doing before winter. No fall plowing is done around here. There are some weddings to attend and some hunting to do. Oak and other wild nuts were very plentiful. The 40-foot Chestnut which I reported two years ago is now a victim of the blight and is nearly dead.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

November was nice up to the 12th, when we had an all-day rain; nice again till around the 20th; had several cold raw wet days. The 27th temperature was 15 degrees in the morning. Dec. 1st it rained all day with a strong wind; had thunder and lightning in the evening.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 1.9 inches.

Market Report: Fat Steers, $38 to $45 Cwt.; Feeder Steers, $21 to $34 Cwt.; Prime Veal, $77 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, $39 to 42.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, 40 to 52¢ per lb.; Dairy Cows at New Holland, $580 to $630; Milk, 8.80 Cwt.; Eggs, 66¢ Doz.; Heavy Hens, 18 to 27¢ lb.; Roasters, 45¢ lb.; Ducks, 54¢ lb.; Turkey Hens, 50¢ lb.; Ear Corn, $70 Ton, 3.25 Bu.; Wheat, 4.15; Barley, 2.40; Oats, 1.95; Straw, $45 Ton; Hay, $40 to $78 Ton; Potatoes, retail, 4.00 to 4.50 Cwt.

by Ammon F. Fisher

November 1st was 75 degrees, very warm. Farmers are busy getting in corn fodder and finishing picking corn. Nov. 12th we had .4 in. rain, then nice weather again. Thurs, the 14th, .4 in. rain again with a few snow flurries. Nov. 24th and 25th were very nice and warm, in p.m. of 25th it started raining, mixed with snow, turning much colder, till morning of 26th had 25 degrees and cold and windy. The coldest for November was 20 degrees, very nice wedding weather.

Bradford County, Pennsylvania, by Clemens Nissley

Weather for November was beautiful. Lots of plowing was done. There is still corn to husk, a lot of soft corn around. We have snow since the 25th, about three inches. Coldest of the month was 4 above zero the morning of the 27th. Farmers are butchering and cutting wood.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

November was mostly mild until the last week, when we had some freezing weather. There were only four days which had measureable rainfall, total of 2 in. A little snow flurries on the 14th. With so many weddings and building of houses going on, farmers are busy without even knowing what to say they were working.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

There were measurable amounts of rain on nine days and they totaled 2.5 in. here, some places more. We had several snow flurries and one morning a little snow could be seen on the ground. We could see snow on the mountains several times. There were freezing temperatures on 13 days and one day of 80 degrees. November was a pleasant month to finish up the fall work and for wheat to come up and grow. Some of the folks were busy attending weddings, others hunted pheasant sometimes, which are plentiful around here, some are doing carpenter and repair work.

Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

We had nice fall weather through November, snow in the mountains on several occasions. Temperature was in the 20's some mornings, but also had some mild sunny weather. Wedding season in full swing, also a lot of building going on in the area.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Beiler

The last two months were dry, although we had enough rain the middle of November to make plowing possible. The creek below our house is lower than I have yet seen it at this time of the year. The last few days were stormy, with some rain and snow. The ground is about covered tonight. Corn is about all in; on average a fair crop.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

November was changeable, with some rainy days, and some snow, a lot of flurries. The first week was warm, temperature was 73 one day. The second week it was cold. Nov. 24 we had 60 degrees; two days later it was down to 14, and has been cold since. Corn is not all picked yet.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania, by Sam M. Troyer

We had around 3 inches of rain in November, a trace of snow several times. The coldest was 13, on Nov. 27. It has been a nice month. We did most of our plowing for oats and corn. Even the garden is spaded. Small game season is about past. We had a few rabbits and pheasants, and now everyone is all primed for deer season.

Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had quite a bit of wet weather in November in this section, also snow flurries, but not enough any time to more than cover the ground, and soon melted what did accumulate. There is still some corn not picked at the end of the month, not as much plowing done as some years. Farmers are busy with dairies, butchering, attending weddings, etc.

McClure (Snyder), Pennsylvania, by Katie A. Speicher

The first few days of November were warm, with 80 degrees on the first. The rest of the month was mostly cold and rainy. We had a thin blanket of snow Nov. 28. Bear season opened Nov. 25 for one day. I haven't heard of any being shot in our area. My brother saw one in the neighbor's corn field Nov. 26.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, by Catherine Swarey

November was gray and cloudy. We had 2.6 in. of rainfall. Twice we had snow flurries most of the day, but it didn't get white. On Thanksgiving morning the ground was white, but it soon melted. November had 10 very nice clear days. Lowest temperature was 10, highest in the 70's. Pork and beef prices have dropped considerably, but feed is still high.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y.. Renno

The weather in November was mostly fair and cool. Rainfall was 2½ in., and no snow. Cattle were in pasture most of the month. Farmers put in a record big crop of ear corn, in a year that corn is scarce and high in price. Farmers with big herds on small acreage are losing out in this high-priced feed year, while farmers that raise all their feed make out well.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for November has been some cloudy and some sunny days, but not much rain. We had snow several times. The coldest was 6 degrees on the 27th, and the stormiest was on the 21st with temp. of 30. December 1, it is quite blustery and snowy, also thunder and lightning. This will be hard walking for the deer hunters.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, by Dan J.. Troyer

November was not very cold, mostly ranging in the 40's. The high was 76 on Nov. 1 and the low was 16 on the 26th. The weather was mixed; some rain, some cloudy days, some sunny, and some snow.

Crawford County, Pa., by Mrs. Menno E. Fisher

November was mostly mild with frequent rainy, cloudy days, very damp. Several times we had a blanket of snow. Farmers were husking corn, some are plowing. One sees quite a few corn fields not all picked. Earlier we had very nice weather but the corn wasn't dry enough, now the ground is too wet to get in to husk corn, so we are waiting for the ground to freeze. Deer seem to be plentiful

Hartville, Ohio, by Mrs. Enos L. Miller

We had nice weather in November, a few snow flurries, enough moisture that the wheat fields look good. The corn was about all shucked. We had a few early frosts, and also had quite a few foggy mornings, sometimes it didn't clear off till noon. This is Sunday, Dec. 1st, last night it started to snow, it snowed all night and was snowing all day. Our son and wife and others of this place had started early for Bishop Milo Miller's of Sugarcreek, O., to church, but it got so bad they came back. Wilmer King was driver. Monday Morning – It is still snowing. We now have 21 in. of snow. Hartville area is snowed in.

Hartville, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

We had a nice month, with enough rain to start the fall seeding. Some wheat was sowed the beginning of November, and it is up very nice. All the crops were fairly good, and some were extra good. We had a little bit of snow several times, but it did not pile up any. The farmers are about done with their corn and beans. The apple crop was extra good this fall. The building of houses and other buildings has slacked off a bit. The rubber shops of Akron, Ohio, laid off a lot of men, too, and other kinds of shops are laying off, too. Some food prices are still going up; sugar is 57¢, honey also took a jump. Livestock as follows: Steers, choice, 42¢; calves 60¢; hogs 40¢. With so many lay-offs around these big cities, things might get tough before winter is over.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

For November there were a few inches of rain the first week; occasional snow flurries; ground was slightly frozen one day; temperatures ranged from 28 degrees to in the high 40's. It started to snow in the night of Nov. 30th and by evening of Dec. 1st was 8 in. deep, no drifts. There is a lot of corn to be husked by machine yet, Some farmers have plowed. Sales are plentiful. Deer hunting has started, quite a few were seen through here.

Eastern Holmes County, by Raymond S. Weaver

November started in nice and warm, but soon turned cooler, quite a bit of rain during the month, with occasional snow and freezing weather towards the end. Fields are soft. Most of the corn is harvested and was a good crop. Many folks are butchering hogs and beef, however, the Mason jar and lid shortage is being felt quite a bit here in our locality.

Barrs Mills, Ohio, by Jonas N. Borntreger

November had a vareity of weather; plenty of rain, some snow, and some nice warm sunny days. One morning the last week it was down to 20, the coldest so far. Farmers are getting their corn in as fast as possible. Some fall pasture yet. Cows are mostly in the barn for the winter. Some plowing is being done.

Southeastern Holmes County, by John L. Yoder

Continued moisture seemed to be on the list for November. We have had about a weekly routine of snow and rain, with some nice warm days between. A few cold snaps, but no zero weather yet. Still some shock corn to husk, with unfavorable weather.

Western Holmes County, by Monroe A. Weaver

November was on the mild side. High temperature of 60, and a low of 18; over 4 in. of rain, and about 3 inches of snow. Corn is nearly all picked, and was a fair crop. Wheat looks very good. One extreme brings on another. This sure holds good on our present cattle prices. I think they are on the bottom now. Feeders are really about one-third as high as they were 18 months ago. Hogs are picking up some, and feed is somewhat cheaper. The supply and price situation could be quite different by next fall.

Dec. 1 –– we had nearly a foot of heavy snow, more than at any time the last two winters.

Ashtabula County, Ohio, by Mrs. Albert Nast

We had more snow in November than we've had for years, also very wet. Lots of people aren't done picking corn because it was too wet. Sugar is over $5.00 for 10 lbs. Beef is still down, on the average about 17¢ a lb. This is Dec. 2 and is very snowy. About 8 inches of snow, and still snowing.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H.. Hershberger

The weather for November has been mild and pleasant the forepart; with occasional frosts, but warm during the day. Nov. 13 we had snow flurries, then it turned colder for several days. Nov. 25 we had cold and snow with a high wind. Our coldest was 22. We had lots of rain in November. Corn husking is mostly done.

By Mrs. Jerry E.. Byler

We had mostly nice weather through November. We had snow some mornings, but didn't last long. We've also had lots of rain. Most cattle were still on pasture all month. December 1, the snow is a foot deep, and still snowing and blowing, which doesn't suit the deer hunters.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary Yoder

November was wet, with our first blanket of snow Nov. 15, Still some corn to be husked. The coldest was 17 degrees.

Utica, Ohio, by Mrs. Melvin E. Hershberger

The first three weeks in November were cloudy and rainy, then it turned colder and we had a few light snows. Temperature around 20 this last week. Corn picking is almost over. Butchering season is on the go at present. Eggs are up to 65¢ a doz. Beef is still down, 20¢ to 22¢ a lb. for beef cows. Sugar is 55¢ a lb. in grocery stores.

Hicksville, Ohio, by David Raber

We had a short Indian summer after an early freeze. Then the last two weeks we had several nights that the wind chill factor was around 50 below zero. We have had enough snow to cover the ground two or three times. Sugar is $5.45 for ten pounds. Corn is $3.50. Milk is $6.00 for Grade B milk.

Centreville, Michigan, by Tobe L.. Yoder

Weather for November was cold and rainy, then snow the 27th. Temperature in the 20's. Fat hogs are 40¢, corn $3.50.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

The weather in November was about average. Rainfall around 2 inches, including a few inches that came as snow. The ground was frozen on top a few times, but never enough to hinder plowing. Beef and hog prices came down some, but seemingly not as much as some places. Good veal has still been bringing good prices, ranging in the fifties. The prices in the stores stay about the same as when meat on the hoof was much higher. Some people through here are getting this month's meat supply through deer, as this is the open season. Some get their deer the first day, while others have to trudge through the woods and cornfields for days and still not get any.

Mio, Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

November was normal with not much snow, only a few scattered flurries till Thanksgiving. Then we had about 3 in. It was cold around the middle of the month with temperatures as low as 8 degrees. Nov. 15th till Dec. 1st was deer season in Michigan, with an estimated 20,000 deer killed.

Ashley, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah N.. Eicher

The beginning of November was warm, in the 60's. We had foggy and rain the first two weeks, a 6 inch snowstorm on the 13th. Rain a few days later melted the snow. Plowing went well all November till the 20th, from then on the ground was frozen. The 27th temperature was 12, coldest for the season. Only 3 days were clear and sunny, the rest were cloudy and changeable. Some corn to husk yet. Ours is too soft to crib; we husk as needed for grinding.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

We had some nice fall days in November, also some cold and windy days which made one use extra coal. Most of the plowing is done. Food prices still seem to go up. Sugar is $5.77 for ten pounds.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

November was a cold and dreary month, although there was sunshine. We had 7 inches of snow the latter part of the month and also high winds with it, which caused drifted roads, and closed schools for one day. There is still a lot of corn to be picked, moisture has been so high that some corn has spoiled for some farmers.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

We had favorable November weather, almost like spring at times, and quite a bit of rain. We had a blanket of 4 to 5 inches of snow the 14th, but is gone now, Some plowing is being done for spring planting. Some have corn to husk yet. Wheat fields are a lovely green. Women are canning and freezing chickens, etc. Many factory workers are laid off again, while some are still busy at least four days a week. Thanksgiving week has been cloudy and some snow flurries.

Ekkhart County, Indiana, by Sam. K.. Stoltzfus

The first two days of November were warm and like summer, then rain the next three days. We had 22 degrees and 5 inches snow the 13th and 14th, then it warmed up again and rained the 19th. Colder and snow flurries the 27th. Wheat fields look nice and green, still some corn to be husked.

Nappanee, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

The month of November has been a rather fair month; a lot of nice weather for farmers to get their work done. Most corn is in the crib, although there are still some not finished husking, due to too much moisture for storage. Corn is turning out a little better than expected. We had 2 3/10 inches of snow, The Goshen weather station recorded 1.1 inch of snow on the 13th, 5.1 on the 14th, and 1 inch on the 25th. It wasn't very cold, so it was soon all gone. We had six days of all sunshine; the highest temperature was 72 on the first, and the lowest was 17 on the 26th. We had only five mornings cold enough to freeze ice. With the price of soft coal from $71 to $75 per ton, more people are cutting wood.

By Mrs. Alvin Burkholder

November has been quite cold and damp, although the forepart brought us some warm, sunny days. On the 13th we had our first measureable snowfall, about five inches of very wet, clinging snow. Children were delighted! It didn't last long, though. The last week brought the temperature down to 15 with a good bit of wind. Famers are finishing corn husking, shredding, and hauling manure. A few have started butchering.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

November was an ordinary month for this time of year. We had 3.3 inches moisture for the month. We had 1.6" on the fourth, with the rest coming in small showers. The fields never got too solid all through the month. We had seven nice days, seven rainy, and the rest partly cloudy. Hardly any drying weather for the corn and soybeans still left to harvest. Probably 90% of the corn crop and 95% of the soybeans are harvested. Very little fall plowing is done. Corn made from 100 to 150 bu. per acre, soybeans 32 to 60 bu. Early planted crops were the best. Hogs are $41; corn $3.20; soybeans $7.30; 500 to 600 lb. steers are around $25 cwt.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

November had a lot of damp, foggy days; the first blizzard-like snow on the 13th and again on the 30th. Some were snowed in, but the temperature hardly went under 30. Due to weather conditions, corn is not the usual quality, and still some to harvest. A lot of plowing has been done. Trapping season has opened with quite a few muskrats being caught. Caution has to be taken, with unemployment so high, that your traps or rats won't get stolen. Sugar was $7.25 per 10 lb. at one store on Nov. 30.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

Weather has been rather damp, and beans dried very slow. Much corn was harvested with lots of moisture; was hardly fit to crib, and was docked pretty hard on the market. Still a few fields of beans and some corn to harvest. While the price seems high, the discount on some is high, too. We have had several showers of rain, also 2 inches of snow, but didn't last long.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

We had plenty of rainfall through November. Some fall plowing was slipped in, along with hauling manure, etc. A few late beans are to be cut yet. Lowest temperature was 24 degrees. Ground was almost covered with snow on Dec. 1st but it soon melted. Grain prices are very unsteady.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

October had real pretty weather. Everybody was busy picking corn, combining beans and sowing wheat. Grain prices were rather unsteady. Corn averaged 3.25 per bushel and beans around 7.00 per bushel. In November we also had quite a bit of nice weather with occasional rains. Farmers finished harvesting. We had some hard frosts. Corn is fairly steady, around 3.00 per bushel. Beans are very unsteady, varying in price as much as 40¢ a bushel from one day to the next. Sugar is 50¢ a lb. in some places.

Garnett, Kansas, by Edward H. Yoder

The excessive amount of moisture which came the latter part of October and forepart of November, amounting to over eight inches, has dried away nicely. Harvest is pretty well over, with exception of some milo. Wheat fields have a lot of growth. We had a pretty fair frost Nov. 6th, however, our killing frost didn't come till Thanksgiving night. The last half of November was real nice fall weather. We had snow flurries the 29th and 30th but combines were cutting beans in it.

Reno County (Partridge), Kansas, by Edward Mast

November had many nice days, with less than aveage rainfall. The coldest was 22. A lot of milo was cut the last two weeks. It is a real good crop, but high in moisture yet. Some was cut with 18 to 20% moisture. Wheat is extra tall, and a lot of it is being pastured. With hay and grain so high priced, many are running their cattle on wheat.

Anabel, Missouri, by Mrs. Abe Y. Borntreger

November was a little wet and cool. Two inches rain fell over the first weekend, an inch Nov. 10. Throughout the rest of the month we had a few light showers. Nov. 13 we received our first tracking snow. Over one inch stayed on the ground overnight. According to our oldtimers, we will now have 13 snows this winter. Ground was not frozen, but very little melted as it came. The low for the month was 22, the high was 73 on Nov. 23 and dropped to 33 overnight. St. Louis stock reports for the week of Nov. 15: Top steers $40; cows $13 to $18; hogs $39.25 to $40.50; sows $30 to $33.75. Dec. 3, most of our snow is here yet, and 5 degrees above.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The first half of November was wet with about four inches of rain. After that it was more drying, leaving a good chance for fall plowing and to harvest crops. On the 29th we had an all-day snow, leaving 7½ inches on the level. Lowest temperature was 20 on the 25th. The Missouri deer season was open from the 16th to the 24th, for bucks only.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Nice weather through November, with about 1½ in. rain and several snow flurries. It was warm enough that the snow didn't stay until the 29th and 30th. Then it snowed all day, about 5 to 6 inches. Corn husking is nearly finished. Many corn and bean fields yielded poorly, because of rainy weather in the spring dry summer, and early frost.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

November was a mild, pleasant month. A heavy snow fell the evening and night of the 29th; the first real snow of the season. Corn is mostly all harvested. Lots of fall plowing is done. Feeder pigs and feeder calves are selling on a stronger market.

Johnson County, Iowa, by E. S. Bontrager

We had nice fall weather through most of November, with a shower of rain every week or so. The coldest so far was 17 degrees. Corn was slow drying out, probably due to not being matured when the early frosts came, so there is lots to be picked yet. Many who have the dryers have theirs picker-shelled and are done. Corn is hardly an average yield, especially after it is dried down. Some pastures are good yet. Quite a few have worked their corn stalks down already. Cattle prices are discouraging for those who want to sell. These same cattle sold a year ago for three times as much. It could get plenty rough yet for some people, and grain and bean prices are up yet.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

November weather was fair. Some nice sunny days, also some cloudy days with showers, and a few light snows. Lowest temperature 19. Deer season is still open. Not very many hunters were lucky this year. Still some shredding and husking to be done. Cattle prices are still low, but feed is high.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Amos Gingerich

November had very nice weather until the 12th. Then we had snow that covered the ground but didn't last long. November 30 we had a thick blanket of snow, and is still coming down. It is also windy and drifted some. This makes good deer tracking for the hunters.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

November was a nice month on the average. The warmest was 80 degrees on the first, and the coldest was 16 the week of Thanksgiving. We have a light cover of snow, enough to track rabbits. The ground is frozen enough to hold up machinery in most places. Still some corn to be picked. A lot of plowing was done the first part of November. Wisconsin had nine days of deer season, for bucks only in most of the state. A lot of hunters, but not too many deer in Monroe County. Feed is still high. Cows moving up a little. Calves are still very cheap. Corn has come down a little since harvest started.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Mose S. Miller

The first half of November was very nice and quite warm. Weather has changed and we had a little snow on the 13th and 14th. It has been warmer again since, but we also had snow again after Thanksgiving.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker Jr.

November was mostly fair. On the 12th we had the first snow that partly covered the ground, with a temperature of 28 degrees. Nov. 14th was also a cold windy day, by evening it snowed some. Then it warmed up again. By the 23rd, the first day of deer hunting season, the ground was bare again. There was a light blanket of snow before the hunting season was over, very little snow on the ground now. People are butchering, making fire wood and trying to get things in order for colder weather.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William Schrock, Sr.

We had a lot of nice weather in November. We had a nice drizzle rain on the first, some nice sunny days, also cloudy days, and snow flurries. On the 26th we had enough snow to cover the ground, but it is almost gone now. Coldest for the month was 10 on the 30th.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We had snow November 13 and the 24th. We had a lot of cold, rainy days.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. Kramer

November came in mild with quite a bit of rain and foggy weather. From ninth to 13th was warm and sunny. Then we had a cold snap with snow flakes in the air. The next day we had a cold strong wind and a light snow on the ground. In the night more rain took the snow away. November 20 we had a real thunder storm. Lightning struck and burned a barn owned by an English man. Since then it has been in the twenties and mostly sunny. Nov. 25 we had a sprinkle of snow. We haven't had enough snow to make ice cream. Beef prices are down. Some got 8¢ and 10¢ a lb. for beef cows. Weaner pigs average 24¢ a lb.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Emanuel Peachey

November started out with rather damp and cloudy weather. Some days were very foggy, but then others had beautiful sunshine again. We didn't have much snow yet, but the ground is frozen and it's the time of year to have snow again. Corn was not so well matured this year. Farmers were not in a hurry to husk as the weather was warm and it would have spoiled in the cribs.

Lucknow, Ontario, by Edward Gingerich

November was a very changable month. It started in with summer-like weather, which changed to rain, then snow on the 13th and 14th. This was followed by a milder spell. The week of the 25th it turned colder again, we had 5 in. of snow the 28th and the temperature has been down to 14 degrees. There is still a small amount of corn to be husked and quite a bit of plowing to do. Because of the snow the ground isn't frozen much. Weaner pigs are bringing from $25 to $30 and fat hogs around 57¢ a lb. Beef cattle prices are very low.

Norwich, Ontario, by Daniel L. Stutzman

We had ample rain during November which was needed before freeze-up. Many of the farmers are done plowing which saves time next spring. Not much plowing was done during the last week in the month because of the frozen ground. Beef prices are very low, especially the cheaper cattle. Weaner pig prices are rising, but with the high cost of feed the only ones who profit are farmers with their own feed. Dec. 2nd we had a snow and dust storm. The snow plow went through and the windows were almost too dirty to look out. This sometimes happens with fall plowing and not much snow cover.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

November was mostly wet with 5 days of rainy weather, 3¼ in. of rain for the month. We have a couple inches of snow at present. Temperature has been down to 15 above several times. There is still some corn to husk. It is very slow to mature this fall. Frost hit it before it was very good, now our wet weather doesn't help it much. The price of beef and pork has improved a little and so has sugar.

GREY COUNTY, ONT. ACCIDENT

Noah, age 19, son of John N. Stutzmans of R2 Chatsworth, had a run-away, Nov. 20, when a car passed him and splashed water over his horse (the road was wet from rain). The horse took the ditch and rolled the buggy over, then the harness tore and left the buggy set. The horse ran home. Noah hurt his forehead and was unconscious for several hours. He was taken to the Owen Sound Hospital where they had to put in 18 stitches to close the wound. He is home now and is gaining as good as can be expected. His brother, Joseph, who was with him, escaped with only a good shake-up.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Arthur, Illinois

Edwin Kaufman, 13, son of Felty and Clara (Miller) Kaufman, was kicked by a horse, Nov. 15th, causing much pain. He was taken to the hospital and xrayed, finding no broken bones. But by evening the doctors thought he must have a rupture so he was operated on and found a hole in his small intestines large enough to stick a finger in it. He was getting along well at last reports.

Marcus Gingerich, 19, son of Ben J. Gingerich, that was hurt in a tractor accident (report in last month issue) is home from hospital and getting along all right.

Harley Schlabaugh, young married man, got his hand caught in a grain auger several weeks ago, mangling three fingers on his right hand so they have been wrapped since and caused considerable pain but are also better.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Mifflin County, Pa.

David, age 4, son of Daniel N. and Susie (Swarey) Peachey, accidentally sat in a pail of boiling water Nov. 1st. His legs and half of his back were scalded. He was dressed with vaseline the first few days then with union salve, and it has healed nicely.

Miss Rebecca Peachey was in the hospital from Oct. 29th to Nov. 9th due to a heart condition. She is at home again but is unable to do any work.

Jesse Z. Byler was taken to the hospital Nov. 19th after he had an attack at home. He fell on his face and his face turned blue. Doctors called it a heart attack. He was in the intensive care unit all the time.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Mt. Elgin, Ontario

Henry, age 2, son of Moses W. and Katie (Yoder) Borntrager, was taken to the London Hospital on Sunday evening, Nov. 24th, and operated on for Appendicitis, and can come home in a week.

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MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Miller, Byler – Raymond, son of Dea. Mahlon E. and Lydia Miller, to Esther, daughter of Rudy S. and Lydia Byler, Nov. 28, by Bishop Noah Byler of Canada.

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Swarey, Hostetler – Israel, son of Chris and Lydia Swarey, to Annie, daughter of Mose and Mary Hostetler, Nov. 5, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Samuel, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Stoltzfus, to Hannah, daughter of Samuel S. and Lydia Stoltzfus, Nov. 7, by Bishop Tobias Petersheim.

Swarey, Byler – Andy, son of Thomas and Rachel Swarey, to Rachel, daughter of Christ and Susie Byler, Nov. 12, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Lapp; Zook, Lapp – Benjamin, son of Jacob B. and Salome (Zook) Stoltzfus, to Fannie, daughter of Levi Z. and Annie (Glick) Lapp; John, son of Isaac H. and Mattie (Lapp) Zook, to Sadie, daughter of Levi Z. and Annie (Glick) Lapp, Nov. 7, by Bishop Israel M. Beiler.

Lapp, Fisher – Moses, son of Jonas Z. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lapp, to Ruth, daughter of Ammon U. and Sarah (Zook) Fisher, Nov. 14, by Bishop Isaac H. Zook.

King, Lapp – Benjamin, son of David B. and Ada (King) King, to Rachel, daughter of David M. and Salome (King) Lapp, Nov. 19, by Bishop Amos M. Stoltzfus.

Beiler, Stoltzfus – Elam, son of Jonas S. and Mary (King) Beiler, to Barbara, daughter of Jacob B. and Salome (Zook) Stoltzfus, Nov. 21, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Amos F., son of Amos L. and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Fannie, daughter of Stephen F. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Loganton R2, Nov. 19, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Union County, Winfield, Pennsylvania

Hostetler, Yoder – Steve, son of Noah Y. and Annie (Yoder) Hostetler, Woodward, to Elizabeth, daughter of Bishop Rufus and Malinda (Yoder) Yoder, Winfield, Nov. 14, by Bishop Moses E. Yoder, of Reedsville, Pa.

Byler, Yoder – Joseph, son of Yonie and Lydia (Yoder) Byler, to Betsy, daughter of David L. and Sara (Kanagy) Yoder, Winfield, Nov. 19, by Bishop Rufus Yoder.

Zook, Hershberger – Rufus, son of Eli and Franie (Hostetler) Zook, to Salomie, daughter of Enos and Rebecca (Yoder) Hershberger, Winfield, by Bishop Rufus Yoder.

Mifflin County, Pa., Church Lane District

Hostetler, Yoder – Michael E., son of the late Emanuel A. and Rachel (Hostetler) Hostetler, to Annie, daughter of Rudy S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder, Reedsville, Nov. 12, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Yoder, Hostetler – Christ M., son of Moses S. and Rebecca (Yoder) Yoder, Milroy, to Mary Adelina, daughter of Christ S. and Lydia (Hostetler) Hostetler, Reedsville, Nov. 14, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Hostetler, Yoder – Sam B., son of Christ S. and Lydia (Hostetler) Hostetler, to Annie, daughter of Eli J. and Barbara (Yoder) Yoder, Reedsville, Nov. 19, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Yoder, Hostetler – Isaac M., son of Moses S. and Rebecca (Yoder) Yoder, to Mary, daughter of Jeff S. and Miriam (Hostetler) Hostetler, Milroy, Nov. 26, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Yoder, Hostetler – Seth K., son of Rudy S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder, to Elizabeth, daughter of Min. Jacob and Dena (Speicher) Hostetler, Reedsville, Nov. 28, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania - Belleville

Peachey, Kanagy – Elias, son of Abram Z. and Katie Peachey, to Linda, daughter of Henry and Katie (Peachey) Kanagy, Nov. 7, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

Yoder, Peachey – Moses, son of Sam P. and Rachel (Peachey) Yoder, to Annie, daughter of Rufus D. and the late Lizzie (Yoder) Peachey, Nov. 12, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

Yoder, Peachey – Rudy, son of Dea. Amos and Mollie (Byler) Yoder, to Annie, daughter of Israel and Katie (Peachey) Peachey, Nov. 14, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler.

Swarey, Zook – John, son of Rebecca (Zook) and the late David Swarey, to Ruth, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Yoder) Zook, Nov. 28, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Bender, Zook – Widower Sam W. Bender of Grantsville, Md., to Amanda, daughter of Sevilla and the Samuel Zook, Nov. 10, by Bishop Albert Brenneman.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

Hochstetler, Byler – Harvey, son of John Hochstetler, Stoneboro, to Katie, daughter of Jake E. Bylers, Jackson Center, Nov. 14, by William Mullet, Mercer, Pa.

Coblentz, Miller – Allen, son of Ervin Coblentzs, Jackson Center, to Sarah, daughter of Levi Millers, Stoneboro, Nov. 21, by Mahlon Hochstetler, Spartinsburg, Pa.

Geauga County, Ohio

Yoder, Miller – Lester J. Yoder from Missouri, to Martha, daughter of Andy C. Miller, Oct. 10.

Yoder, Miller – Melvin, son of Levi L. and Katie (Miller) Yoder, to Malinda, daughter of Albert M. P. and Gertie (Yoder) Miller, Oct. 10.

Byler, Miller – Levi, son of Mrs. Jonas A. (Emma) Byler, to Susan, daughter of Martin A. and Malinda Miller, Oct. 17.

Yoder, Miller – Allen, son of Pre. Lester A. and Sylvia J. (Schmucker) Yoder, to Miriam, daughter of Ervin D. and Ida (Shetler) Miller, Oct. 24.

Byler, Miller – Nevin, son of Mrs. Dorothy Byler, to Emma, daughter of John M. and Lizzie (Miller) Miller, Oct. 29, by Bishop Noah Bender.

Troyer, Miller – Lester, son of Mrs. Ida Troyer of Mercer, Pa., to Laura, daughter of Felty A. Millers, Nov. 7.

Byler, Yoder – William, son of Reuben J. Bylers from Punxsutawney, Pa., to Emma, daughter of Bishop Homer E. and Nannie J. (Hostetler) Yoder, Nov. 7.

Yoder, Byler – Daniel, son of the late Joe S. Yoders, to Emma, daughter of John S. and Lizzie (Miller) Byler, Nov. 7.

Miller, Byler – Joe, son of Ura D. and Fannie (Miller) Miller, to Alma, daughter of Dan J. and Emma (Mullet) Byler, Nov. 26.

Kurtz, Troyer – Jacob, son of John J. and Mattie Kurtz, to Kathryn, daughter of Pre. Roman E. Troyers, Nov. 26.

Schmucker, Hershberger – Melvin, son of Ervin J. and Ida Schmucker, to Linda, daughter of Owen J. and Mary Hershberger, Nov. 28.

Kurtz, Troyer – Jake, son of John J. Kurtzs, to Catherine, daughter of Roman E. Troyers, Nov. 26.

Miller, Yoder – Joe, son of Albert M. P. and Gertie (Yoder) Miller, to Anna, daughter of Sam E. and Katie (Miller) Yoder, Nov. 28, by Bishop Melvin V. Miller.

Mullet, Troyer – Elmer, son of Elmer J. and Mary (Hershberger) Mullet, to Alma, daughter of Dave M. and Lizzie Ann (Mast) Troyer, Nov. 28.

Holmes County, Ohio

Kurtz, Raber – Ben, son of John B. and Ada (Yoder) Kurtz, Millersburg R3, to Lizzie, daughter of Andy E. and Anna (Miller) Raber, Millersburg R3, Oct. 3, by Bishop Melvin A. Raber.

Miller, Troyer – Olin, son of Owen and Esther (Yoder) Miller, to Alta, daughter of Eli J. and Katie (Hershberger) Troyer, Oct. 10, by Bishop Jonas N. Bontrager.

Yoder, Raber – Albert, son of Crist L. and Lucinda (Raber) Yoder, Baltic R1, to Ada, daughter of Roy J. and Lydia (Miller) Raber, Millersburg R3, Oct. 17, by Bishop Melvin A. Raber.

Troyer, Miller – Atlee, son of Bishop Aden M. Troyer, to Mary, daughter of Bishop Roy J. Miller, Oct. 26, by Bishop Dave E. Yoder.

Raber, Raber – Levi, son of Noah J. and Lizzie (Miller) Raber, Millersburg R2, to Lucinda, daughter of Abe A. and the late Maggie (Miller) Raber, Millersburg R3, Oct. 29, by Bishop Dan G. Yoder, Baltic R1.

Mullet, Troyer – Edward, son of Jonas E. and Mary Ann (Miller) Mullet, to Marie, daughter of Pre. Atlee A. and Nettie (Miller) Troyer, Oct. 31, in Wayne A. Yoder District.

Hershberger, Miller – Henry, son of Gideon and Susie Hershberger, to Sarah, daughter of John and Mattie Miller, Oct. 31.

Yoder, Miller – Henry, son of Levi L. Yoder, to Betty, daughter of Eli A. Millers, Nov. 2.

Yoder, Miller – Joe, son of Jonas J. and Sarah (Wengerd) Yoder, to Clara, daughter of Abe A. and Lovina Miller, Nov. 7, in East Barrs Mills District.

Yoder, Raber – Andy P., son of Phineas and Ada (Troyer) Yoder of Millersburg R3, to Saloma, daughter of Abe A. and the late Anna (Mast) Raber of Millersburg R3, Nov. 7, by Bishop Aden R. Miller.

Yoder, Miller – Joseph, son of Jonas J. and Sarah (Wengerd) Yoder, to Clara, daughter of Abe A. and Lovina (Miller) Miller, Nov. 7, by Bishop Melvin A. Raber.

Yoder, Mast – Henry, son of Christ G. and Katie (Miller) Yoder, to Anna, daughter of Noah M. and Erma (Troyer) Mast, Nov. 14, by Melvin J. Miller.

Shrock, Miller – Eli, son of Emanuel E. and Sarah (Miller) Shrock, to Ella, daughter of Ben H. and Anna (Yoder) Miller, Nov. 19, by Bishop Dan J. Miller.

Keim, Raber – Jonas, son of Aden and Frany (Mast) Keim of Mt. Hope, to Emma, daughter of Paul and Mary (Bowman) Raber of Millersburg R3, Nov. 26, by Bishop Andy Mast.

Miller, Yoder – Ben, son of Mose M. and Amanda (Mast) Miller, to Verna, daughter of Joe J. and Anna (Troyer) Yoder, Nov. 26, by Melvin A. Raber.

Weaver, Miller – Paul, son of Henry A. Weavers, to Katie, daughter of Sam J. Millers, Nov. 28, by Bishop John Frey.

Wayne County, Ohio

Miller, Yoder – Ruben, son of Bert R. and Elizbeth (Hershberger) Miller, to Ada Marie, daughter of Dan S. and Sarah (Detweiler) Yoder, Oct. 3, by Jacob R. Troyer.

Miller, Weaver – Roman, son of Roy J. and Katie (Miller) Miller, to Ada Mae, daughter of the late Eli and Edna (Miller) Weaver, Oct. 24.

Hershberger, Miller – David, son of Levi N. and Ada (Mast) Hershberger, to Emma, daughter of Gideon and Clara (Mullet) Miller, Oct. 29.

Weaver, Weaver – David, son of Andy Jr. and Amanda (Miller) Weaver, to Ada, daughter of Sol and Katie (Miller) Weaver, Oct. 29.

Hershberger, Gingerich – Eli, son of Daniel and Lizzie Hershberger, to Ida, daughter of Mahlon and Frances Gingerich, Oct. 31.

Hershberger, Hershberger – Tobie, son of Jacob and Lydia Hershberger, to Sevilla, daughter of Joe and Malinda Hershberger, Oct. 31.

Mullet, Hershberger – Dennis, son of Jonas and Mattie (Weaver) Mullet, to Mary Edna, daughter of Samuel and Ida (Raber) Hershberger, Oct. 31.

Miller, Yoder – Aden Jr., son of the late Aden J. C. and Ella (Mast) Miller, to Betty, daughter of the late Bishop Milan and Ruth (Miller) Yoder, Nov. 7.

Miller, Troyer – John, son of Abe J. and Fannie (Schlabach) Miller, to Emma, daughter of Andrew and Emma (Weaver) Troyer, Nov. 21.

Yoder, Miller – Leroy, son of Eli D. and Elizabeth (Weaver) Yoder, to Carol Diane, daughter of Roy L. and Fannie (Yoder) Miller, Nov. 28.

Ashtabula County, Ohio

Kurtz, Troyer – Jake, son of John and Martha Kurtz, to Kathryn, daughter of Pre. Roman Troyers, Nov. 26.

Centreville, Michigan

Yoder, Gingerich – Ben, son of Phineas B. and Wilma (Yoder) Yoder of Mendon, Mich., to Alice, daughter of Dan and Mary (Lambright) Gingerich of Centreville, Nov. 28, by Bishop Tobias L. Yoder.

Allen County, Indiana

Eicher, Graber – Marcus, son of Joseph and Mary (Miller) Eicher, Grabill R1, to Rosa, daughter of Levi and Edith (Miller) Graber, Hicksville, Ohio, Oct. 3, by Bishop John Graber.

Zehr, Schwartz – Jonas, son of Jacob and Marian (Lengacher) Zehr, to Rosa, daughter of David and Anna (Miller) Schwartz, Nov. 28, by Bishop Joseph Schwartz.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Wingard – Freeman, son of Orva and Elma (Miller) Miller, to Linda Sue, daughter of the late Perry and Wilma (Schrock) Wingard, in October.

Yoder, Whetstone – Wilbur, son of Melvin and Lydia (Raber) Yoder, to Orpha, daughter of John and Rose (Eash) Whetstone, in October.

Miller, Eash – Gerald, son of Daniel M. and Anna (Graber) Miller, to Loretta, daughter of Freeman and Wanetia (Miller) Eash, Oct. 17, by Bishop Abe A. Yoder.

Hochstedler, Bontrager – John, son of Joe Hochstedlers of Michigan, to Susie, daughter of Abe and Mary (Frey) Bontrager of Topeka, Ind., Oct. 17.

Weaver, Yoder – Harry, son of Jonas and Edna (Troyer) Weaver, to Mary Kathryn, daughter of Ezra M. and Sue (Miller) Yoder, Oct. 17.

Miller, Schmucker – Floyd, son of Ammon and Alma (Bontrager) Miller, to Katie Ellen, daughter of David and Mary (Bontrager) Schmucker, Oct. 24.

Miller, Miller – Harley Wayne, son of the late Chris D. and Ida Mae Miller, to Lizzie Mae, daughter of Harry and Emma (Schlabach) Miller, Oct. 24.

Miller, Hochstedler – Chris, son of Ben C. and Katie (Glick) Miller, to Lorene, daughter of Lester and Mary Alice (Miller) Hochstedler, Oct. 24.

Bontrager, Miller – Freeman, son of Monroe E. and Mary Ellen (Schrock) Bontrager, to Mary, daughter of Albert and Lydia Mae (Lambright) Miller, Oct. 24.

Hochstedler, Bontrager – Eli, son of Harley and Emma (Miller) Hochstedler, to Elmina, daughter of Allen and the late Mrs. Bontrager, Oct. 24.

Miller, Frye – Raymond, son of Albert and Lydiann (Lambright) Miller, to Christina, daughter of Bishop Elvie and Elsie (Kaufman) Frye, Nov. 7.

Miller, Fry – Willis R. Miller of Fredericksburg, Ohio, and Anna, daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth (Miller) Fry, Nov. 7.

Yoder, Eash – Andrew Jr., son of Andrew A. and Clara (Miller) Yoder, to Rosanna, daughter of Pre. Neal and the late Ruth (Graber) Eash, Nov. 21.

Stuben County, Indiana

Bontrager, Bontrager – Noah, son of Amos Bontrager, to Clara, daughter of Bishop Ruben S. Bontrager, Sept. 5, by Ruben S. Bontrager.

Eicher, Graber – Marcus, son of Joe N. Eicher, to Rosie, daughter of Pre. Levi Graber, Oct. 3, by Bishop John Graber.

Adams County, Indiana

Kauffman, Troyer – Andy, son of Henry Kauffmans of New Haven, to Annie C., daughter of Neal Troyers of Monroe R1, Nov. 28.

Schwartz, Schwartz – Amos E., son of Emanuel M. Schwartzs of Branch Co., Mich., to Sarah Q., daughter of Christ P. Schwartzs, Geneva R2, Nov. 28.

Elkhart County, Indiana

Kaufman, Graber – Emery, son of the late Menno and Magdalena (Borkholder) Kaufman, Nappanee, to Betsy, daughter of Simon and Susie (Beachy) Graber, Middlebury R3, Oct. 3.

Hochstetler, Lambright – Dale, son of Edward and Rachel (Hochstetler) Hochstetler, Nappanee R2, to Kathryn, daughter of Freeman and Susan (Bontrager) Lambright, Middlebury R1, Oct. 9.

Coblentz, Bontrager – John, son of Dan and Elsie (Miller) Coblentz, Middlebury R2, to Wilma, daughter of Joe M. and Mary Ann (Miller) Bontrager, Middlebury R1. Oct. 31.

Yoder, Miller – Jerry Wayne, son of Roman and Fannie (Mast) Yoder, Middlebury R1, to Esther, daughter of Jonas and Susie (Miller) Miller, Middlebury R3, Nov. 6.

Miller, Coblentz – Willis, son of Dea. Marvin Millers, Nappanee, to Betty, daughter of Dan and Elsie (Miller) Coblentz, Middlebury R2, Nov. 28.

Chupp, Coblentz – Sam, son of Pre. Eli Chupps, Middlebury R2, to Lydia, daughter of Dan and Elsie (Miller Coblentz, Middlebury R2, Nov. 28.

Nappanee, Indiana

Miller, Chupp – Carl, son of Bishop Earl and Laura (Borkholder) Miller, to Joan, daughter of Joe and Sarah (Miller) Chupp, Oct. 24th.

Borntrager, Hochstetler – Ira, son of Dave A. Borntragers of Anabel, Mo., to Norma, daughter of Ed and Rachel (Hochstetler) Hochstetler, Oct. 24th.

Miller, Chupp – Mervin Lee, son of Harley Jay and Wilma (Beachy) Miller, to Fannie Mae, daughter of Andrew J. and Clara (Slabaugh) Chupp, Oct. 30, in Amos Lehman District.

Schmucker, Miller – Marion, son of Jancy and Ella (Troyer) Schmucker, to Freida Kay, daughter of Jacob and Lala (Schlabach) Miller, Oct. 31, in Southwest Millwood District.

Borkholder, Helmuth – Willis, son of Eli and Anna Mae (Hershberger) Borkholder, to Freda, daughter of Oscar and Barbara (Yoder) Helmuth, Nov. 28.

Kokomo, Indiana

Herschberger, Miller – Lester, son of Jonas and Lydia (Miller) Herschberger, Delaware, to Susan, daughter of Albert and Elva (Miller) Miller, Oct. 10, by Bishop George Gingerich.

Herschberger, Yoder – Junior, son of Jonas and Lydia (Miller) Herschberger, Delaware, to Alma, daughter of Andrew E. and Clara (Herschberger) Yoder, Oct. 17, by Bishop George Gingerich.

Milroy, Indiana

Wagler, Schmidt – Ernie, son of Alva Waglers, to Lucy, daughter of John Schmidts, Oct. 21, by Bishop Pete Yoder of Marshfield, Missouri.

Daviess County, Indiana

Wagler, Raber – Eli, son of Louis Waglers, to Leona, daughter of John Rabers, Oct. 24, by Bishop Ben E. Wagler.

Arthur, Illinois

Miller, Plank – Menno, son of Albert M. Miller, to Barbara, daughter of John J. Plank, Nov. 7.

Kauffman, Miller – Harvey, son of Andy Kauffman, to Irene, daughter of Ben S. Millers, Nov. 14.

Yoder, Gingerich – Eli, son of Noah J. Yoder, to Anna Marie, daughter of John E. Gingerichs, Nov. 21.

Audrain County, Missouri

Miller, Borntreger – Henry, son of Felty and Fannie (Miller) Miller, to Lena, daughter of Mose and Rachel (Stutzman) Borntreger, Oct. 10, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

Miller, Petersheim – Clarence, son of Ezra and Edna (Miller) Miller, to Millie, daughter of Bishop Jake L. and Katie (Bontrager) Petersheim, Nov. 7, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

Petersheim, Miller – Willie, son of Bishop Jake L. and Katie (Bontrager) Petersheim, to Lydia, daughter of Joe B. and Lydia (Gingerich) Miller, Nov. 14, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

Anabel, Missouri

Schrock, Borntrager – Willie, son of Sam W. and Rebecca (Yoder) Schrock, to Alma, daughter of Levi V. and Fanny (Borntrager) Borntrager, Oct. 2, by Bishop Neal Borntrager.

Jamesport, Missouri

Kurtz, Troyer – Alvin, son of Min. Jonas A. and Katie (Yoder) Kurtz, to Martha, daughter of Min. Andy and Emma (Hostetler) Troyer, Oct. 3.

Yoder, Yoder – William, son of Harry W. and Mary (Bender) Yoder, to Mary Ann, daughter of Min. Menno and Ada (Troyer) Yoder, Oct. 17.

Beechy, Detweiler – Joni, son of Levi and Helen (Schrock) Beechy, to Barbara, daughter of Bishop Tobias and Lena (Miller) Detweiler, Nov. 14.

Yoder, Bontrager – Dan, son of Levi and Emma (Kauffman) Yoder, to Lydia, daughter of Levi and Irene (Yoder) Bontrager, Nov. 21.

Johnson County, Iowa

Yoder, Ropp – Bennie, son of Ben L. and Susan (Miller) Yoder, to Nancy, daughter of Jeff and Laura (Bontrager) Ropp, published Oct. 27th.

Yoder, Ropp – Bennie Jr., son of Ben and Susan (Miller) Yoder, to Nancy, daughter of Jeff and Laura (Bontrager) Ropp, Nov. 21, by Bishop Truman Miller.

Medford, Wisconsin

Yoder, Miller – Joe, son of Fred W. Yoders, to Elizabeth, daughter of Ammon S. Millers, Nov. 14, by Bishop John Mast of Clark, Missouri.

Amherst, Wisconsin

Borntrager, Miller – Christ, son of Phineas and Sovilla Borntrager, to Lydia, daughter of Ammon and Lydia Miller, Nov. 24, by Bishop Christ C. Borntrager.

Wilton, Wisconsin

Kaufman, Borntreger – Noah, son of Chester A. Kaufmans of Cashton, Wis., to Ida, daughter of Pre. Ben C. Borntregers, Oct. 31, by Bishop Enos J. Yoder of Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada.

Medford, Wisconsin

Borntreger, Troyer – Christ T., son of Tobe and Mattie (Mast) Borntreger, to Annie, daughter of Daniel and Miriam (Hershberger) Troyer, Oct. 15.

Mt. Elgin, Ontario

Miller, Yoder – Felty H. Miller, to Elizabeth E. Yoder, Oct. 17.

Milverton, Ontario

Jantzi, Kuepfer – Ezra, son of Harvey and Katie (Kuepfer) Jantzi, Milverton R1, to Judith, daughter of David and Lydia (Wagler) Kuepfer, Millbank R1, Oct. 31, by Bishop Joe K. Jantzi.

Grey County, Ontario

Stutzman, Hershberger – John, son of Joe N. Stutzmans, Desboro R1, to Sarah, daughter of Mose C. Hershbergers, Desboro R1, Nov. 28, by Bishop Eli N. Stutzman of Ethridge, Tennessee.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Path Valley, Pa.

Sarah, wife of Enos Beiler of Spring Run, Pa., has been ill the last few months. She has an infection on a heart muscle. She spent a few days in the hospital and some time in bed at home, but is up and around again, still has help with house work. Their two children had whooping cough while she was sick.

Es Ist Noch Eine Ruhe Vorhanden Dem Volke Gottes.
Hebraer 4, 9

Sieh auf das Lamm, das dich mit Freuden
Dort wird vor Seinem Stuhle weiden;
Wirf hin die Last und eil herzu!
Bald ist der heisze Kampf geendet,
Bald, bald der faure Lauf vollendet,
Dann gehst du ein zu deiner Ruh.

Submitted by Andrew M. Miller

Der Herr ist
mein Hirte,
Ps. 23:1

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HOW TO CONQUER AN ENEMY.

Julia, and another pleasant little girl of the same age, used to go to school together. On their way, they often met a larger girl, who would insult and abuse them. She would push them off the side-walk, and throw snowballs in their faces.

There seemed to be no cause for this unkind treatment, except that this girl was naughty, and appeared to take pleasure in abusing others, even though they had never done her any harm..

These little girls bore this cruel treatment, without complaint, for a long time. At length, Julia felt that she could bear it no longer, and went and told her mother.

Her mother was very sorry to hear thay any girl would be so unkind as to insult and injure other children, when they were going quietly to school. After thinking of the matter a while, she told Julia how she could conquer that bad girl, and make her kind and friendly.

Julia was pleased to hear her mother say that she had a plan, by which she could conquer this bad girl, and asked her to tell what it was; "for," said she, "I mean to seek revenge!"

Her mother said: "Before you go to school tomorrow, select the largest and best apple you can find in the cellar, and put it into your pocket. The next time you meet that bad girl, if she tries to injure you, give her the apple."

"Why, mother!" said Julia, in surprise. "How can I give an apple to such a wicked girl, when she has abused me so many times!" But, after her mother had given her some reasons for so doing, she concluded to follow the advice.

The next day, as Julia and her friend were going to school, they met the bad girl again. No sooner did she see them, than she seized a piece of hard snow, and threw it into Julia's face, hurting her very badly.

As soon as she could recover from the shock, her face smarting with pain, she stepped up to the wicked girl, and held out to her the large, mellow apple, at the same time, saying, "Here is a nice apple for you!"

The girl was astonished. But Julia said again, with a mild tone of voice, "I will give you this apple." The girl took the apple, and said "I will throw no more snowballs at you, nor at that other girl."

Was not that a noble victory? The bad girl was completely conquered by this return of good for evil. It was, indeed, a double conquest. Julia not only conquered the girl who had been her enemy, but she had conquered herself. She, at first, wanted to do something to punish the wicked girl. But she gained such a victory over her desire to be revenged, that she met her with a gift of love.

Ich bin dein Knecht unterweiße mich daß ich erkenne deine Zeugniße. Tröste mich wieder mit deiner Hülfe, und der freudige Geist erhalte mich. Du Liebhaber des Lebens, dein unvergänglicher Geist ist in allen. Lehre mich thun nach deinem Wohlgefallen, den du bist mein Gott, dein guder Geist führe mich auf ebener Bahn. Den bei dir ist die lebendige Quelle, und in deinem Licht sehen wir das Licht. Laß meinen Gang gewis sein, und laß kein unrecht über mich herrschen. Lehre mich heilsame Sitten und erkentniß, den ich glaube deinen Gebotten. Leite mich in deiner Wahrheit, und lehre mich; den du bist der Gott, der mir hilft, täglich harre ich dein. Laß dein Antlitz leuchten über deinen Knecht, O lehre mich deine Rechte. Laß mich deine Herrlichkeit sehen. Den du Herr bist mein Licht und du wirst meine Finsterniß licht machen. Du wollest dich mit mir verloben in Ewigkeit, und mich dir vertrauen in Gerechtigkeit und Gericht, in Gnade und Barmhertzigkeit, ja im Glauben wollest du mich mit dir verloben, daß ich dich Herr erkenne. Herr laß diese Klage für dich kommen, underweiße mich nach deinem Wort. Laß mein flehen für dich kommen, rette mich nach deinem Wort. Weiße mir Herr deine Wege daß ich wandle in deiner Wahrheit. Erhalte mein Hertz bey dem Einigen; daß ich deinen Nahmen fürchte. Ich will deines Nahmens gedenken von Kind zu Kindes Kind, darum werden dir danken die Völker immer und ewiglich. Amen.

Das übrig von das Gebädt
Sallamons Geſchriben
im Jahr 1878

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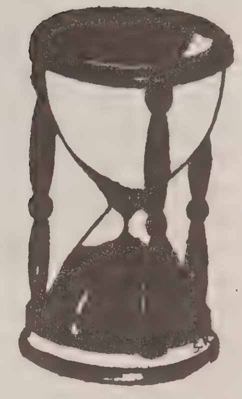
Ammen.

"**NOTHING** is sweeter than love, nothing more courageous, nothing higher, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller nor better in heaven and earth, because **LOVE** is born of God. Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble."

from "For the Older Folks" by Cyrus Osterhus

The Hour Glass



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

THE DR. HANS OR JOHN AND MAGDALENA BLANK FAMILY

By Amos L. Fisher

Continued from last month

Daniel and Nancy Yoder had a family of seven children which grew to adulthood, namely, (80) John D. Yoder (79), married to Anna Zook, they moved to Logan County, Ohio. (81) Christian Yoder (79), born in 1817, died in 1874, married to Catherine King, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Yoder) King. He married his second wife, Catherine Kauffman. There is a very large offspring of this family living in Mifflin County at the present time; they are, Salina Yoder, married to Gideon Sharp; Amelia Yoder, married to Jonas Z. Peachey; Samuel K. Yoder (minister) married to Barbara Peachey, the grandparents of Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler of Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; Elizabeth Yoder, married to Jacob H. Peachey of Belleville; George Yoder; Kore Yoder; Daniel Yoder; Catherine Yoder, married first to Isaac Peachey, second to Jonas Yoder, they were the parents of the late Barbara Yoder, married to John M. Peachey.

(82) Magdalena Yoder (79), born in 1818, married to Joseph Kauffman, they moved to Champaign Co., Ohio as a Dunkard preacher; (83) Barbara Yoder (79), married to John B. Yoder, they moved to Logan Co., Ohio; (84) Daniel F. Yoder (79), born in 1822, married to Sarah Yoder, he was a deacon at Allensville; (85) Benjamin K. Yoder (79), married to Lydia Ann Plank, they moved to Logan Co., Ohio; (86) Anna Yoder (79), born in 1825, died in 1896, married to Daniel King, son of Jacob and Barbara (Zook) King.

Another son of "Dick" Christol Yoder is (87) Christian Yoder (78), married to Mary Summers, born Sept. 29, 1786, died March 21, 1861, a daughter of Christian and Veronica (Yoder) Summers of Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. They were the parents of twelve children all born in Mifflin Co., Pa., they are David Yoder, born in 1813, married to Leah King, they moved to Logan Co., Ohio; Jonas P. Yoder, born in 1815, married to Lydia Sharp, also moved to

Logan Co., Ohio; Magdalena Yoder, born in 1817, married to Reuben Yoder, also moved to Logan Co., Ohio, and to East Lynn, Missouri; Rebecca Yoder, born in 1819, married to Joshua Hartzler, Logan Co., Ohio; Benjamin Yoder, born in 1821, married to Mary King, second wife, Leah King, they lived in Mifflin County, Pa.; Phoebe Yoder, born in 1821 (twin to Benjamin), married to Jacob P. ----------, second to William Gerber; Christian Yoder, born in 1823, married to Barbara Troyer, second to Rosa Sipep; Mary, born in 1823 (twin to Christian); Daniel Yoder, born in 1827, died in 1861, married to Judith Byler, second to Martha Byler, third to Nancy Hartzler, Logan Co., Ohio; Noah Yoder, born in 1825, married to Barbara Hartzler, second to Sarah Troyer, Logan Co., Ohio; Jonathan Yoder, born in 1829, married to Anna Sharp, Logan Co., Ohio; Salome Yoder, married to Asa Kanagy, second to Christian P. Yoder.

Another son of Dick Christol Yoder was (88) Jacob Yoder (78), married to Nancy Detweiler; another daughter was (89) Magdalena Yoder (78), married to Abraham Zook, born in 1791, they moved to Lawrence Co., Pa.; another daughter was (90) Barbara Yoder (78), married to Jacob Zook.

The next child on the list of John and Catharine (Blank) Hooley was (91) Christian Hooley (62), born Dec. 19, 1767, married to Elizabeth Mast, born in 1776 in Caernarvon Twp., Berks County, a daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast. They died in Brown Twp., Mifflin County, and are buried in the Hooley Cemetery, located on the old Hooley farm. To them were born eight children, namely, (92) David Hooley (91), married to Mary Hertzler, they had three children born in Mifflin Co. and Huntingdon Co., Mennonite; (93) Magdalena Hooley (91), born in 1803 in Brown Twp., Mifflin Co., married to David C. Yoder, they were one of the early settlers of West Liberty, Logan Co., Ohio, including is a granddaughter, Martha Ellen Yoder, born in 1862, who married to Eli B. Stoltzfus who moved from Union Co., Pa. to Ohio and was ordained a preacher and later Bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church of that place, also a grandson, Eli Yoder was deacon at West Liberty; (94) Mary Hooley (91), born in 1804, married to Adam Hertzler. They had six children, one son-in-law being ordained a bishop in Logan Co., Ohio. Some of the descendants moved to McLean County, Illinois.

(95) Catherine Hooley (91), born Feb. 8, 1807, married to John Stoltzfus, born Dec. 3, 1805 in Lancaster Co., Pa., died in Knox Co., Tennesseé in the vicinity of Concord. He was ordained to the office of deacon in the Amish Church in 1844. In 1871, six years before the division of the Amish and Amish Mennonites of Millwood and Conestoga, he, with his three sons, Christian H., John B., and Jacob M. Stoltzfus, and two daughters and sons-in-law, Catharine married to Christian B. Neuhouser and Elizabeth married to John Stoltzfus, moved to Tennessee. The elder John was known as "Tennessee John." They lived at one time on the farm along Rt. 340, midway between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse, on the farm owned by Christian and Stephen Stoltzfus, before moving to Millwood on the farm now owned by Mose Stoltzfus in Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County. They were the parents of fifteen children, two of which died young, the one was Lydia, born Oct. 1837, died Dec. 16, 1839 and is buried in Myers Cemetery; the other one was Salome, born Dec. 24, 1846, died at the age of seven months. She was the first one to be buried in the Millwood Cemetery, which was then at the corner of the father's farm. The names of their other children are as follows: (96) Mary (95), born June 20, 1829, married to David Beiler, minister, a son of the late Bishop David Beiler. They were the parents of the late Bishop Benjamin Beiler and Deacon Jonas Beiler. At present there are quite a few of their descendants serving in the ministry, living mostly in the Ronks and Bird-in-Hand section.

A more accurate account of this family will appear at a later date, but will mention the names of the rest of the children. When the Millwood Amish Mennonite Church started in 1877 all of this family went with the Millwood group except the oldest daughter, Mary, afore mentioned. Elizabeth Stoltzfus married to John Stoltzfus, they moved to Tennessee; Rebecca married to John Mast of Morgantown; Barbara married to Samuel Kauffman of Gap; Catharine married to Christian Neuhouser of Tennessee; Gideon Stoltzfus married to Susanna Mast, he was ordained an Amish minister in 1868 and went with the Millwood group in 1877; Christian married to Mary Blank of Tennessee; Leah married to Jonathan Yoder, they moved to Wayne County, Ohio; Rachel married to Christian Kauffman of Gap; Malinda married to Henry Stoltzfus of Gap; Sarah married to Benuel Mast of Morgantown; John B. Stoltzfus married to Mary Hartz of Tennessee; Jacob Mast Stoltzfus married to Mary Detweiler of Knox County, Tennessee.

(97) John C. Hooley (91), born Jan. 21, 1809, married to Elizabeth Hertzler, Mifflin Co., Pa., their children resided in Mifflin Co., Pa. and Cass Co., Missouri; (98) Elizabeth Hooley (91), born in 1811, married to Jonathan Hertzler, their address was St. Joseph County, Michigan; (99) Lydia Hooley (91), born in 1814, married to Levi King of Morgantown, Pa., a few of their children were born in Mifflin Co., Pa.; (100) Fanny Hooley (91), born in 1816, married to Jacob P. Yoder of Logan Co., Ohio. They had two children, namely; Malinda Yoder married to Christian Y. Zook of Logan County, and Elizabeth H. Yoder married to Daniel Z. Lapp, son of Valley John Lapp of Lancaster County. They resided in Logan County, Ohio.

(101) Peter Hooley (62), married to Esther (Mast) Zook. She was married the first time to Christian Zook, son of Christian and Barbara (Kurtz) Zook, who was a son of Moritz Zook. This family was mostly affiliated with the Amish Mennonite Church of Mifflin Co., Pa., Mio, Michigan, Wayne Co., Holmes Co. and Champaign Co., Ohio, and Buffalo Co., Neb. (102) Christian Hooley (62), married to Daniel Kauffman; they resided in Mifflin County and had two children which both died single.

Hooley Family to be continued

LEWIS COUNTY

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Pioneer Life

Pioneering in the Croghan Colony, which was named for a French major, was much the same as in other colonies in America. Their blessings were many but they were mixed. The privileges of living in a new world, free from bondage, must be exchanged for tokens of reestablishing or reorganizing to rebuild to adjust to self support and these were not without hardships. The winters in this part were long and cold compared to those in France. Every account we have says their material possessions were frail and few, sometimes exhausted before they reached their new home. We have one account of a Zehr family who landed in New York City and came to Utica by canal boat, by that time they were in need of money. There the two oldest boys were employed on a farm to earn enough so the parents could proceed to the French settlement. One family relates a story of their forefather who came to America without his family because he was too poor to bring them. The first years he would go out to older colonies in late fall and early spring to work to earn enough money to provide fare for the remaining family to come to America. Even though they could purchase land for from $1.50 to $3.00 an acre many had to struggle for means to provide for the family. Before log cabins were built the early settlers were sometimes forced to sleep under trees among wild animals and friendly Indians. Some are reported to resort to an Indian shack on the banks of Beaver River as place of temporary abode. Some mothers with their babies and small children stayed in an Indian hut until a home of their own was built. Fish and wild game provided food for some of the early settlers, on the other hand there were wild creatures to their disadvantage, panthers were disturbing the new settlers for as long as twenty-five years. All out panther hunts were organized by the group until no more damage to cattle and sheep were reported. Land clearing and building were of the first major tasks to be undertaken. Even though logs for lumber were abundant there was much labor involved. Sawmills by lumber companies were already employed along the river or smaller streams but there was at first no mode of transportation and if there were there were no roads, not even paths, for them to travel on. According to one account, one of the pioneers decided to build a house in the wilderness about three miles from Croghan where a sawmill was in operation. There was need for boards for the roof, floor and gable ends. Some of the young men of the Kirschnerville settlement proposed to form a party, go through the wilderness to Croghan and bring back the boards on their backs. Everyone wanted to carry the most boards, but after going awhile they felt an overload and many of them discharged some of the payload which left a story to remain that they soon had a boardwalk path from Croghan to Kirschnerville.

In some cases the family head was required to work away from home a few weeks at a time to provide extra income for family mutual needs. The wages received in money sometimes amounted to $11.00 a month. One report states that a father would walk 15 miles on such a return errand with a pack basket on his back filled with needed purchases where the awaiting family would meet him with joy. Fortunately there was work available and a note says that these German boys were always in demand.

Joseph Martin, a native of Waltenburg, France, migrated to this section near Belfort, after the death of his wife, with his four children and mother-in-law. In the new country he was fortunate in securing a housekeeper. During hay making he walked fourteen miles in an effort to find a job, mowing grass by hand from sunrise to sunset. At the end of the day he walked the same distance to his home with pay included which amounted to salt pork and flour.

The young people were encouraged to stay among their own group for social life. They often combined work with pleasure. The men held wood bees in winter time while the women, young and old, held quilting bees. Hoeing bees and husking bees were provided for youth socials. Weddings took place from the first year of colonizing continually. Evidently their mode of practice of wedding ceremony as well as the festive part was of genuine Alsatian Amish pattern from the beginning.

A few more accounts of pioneer hardships can be given from a story of Jacob Roggie. With his wife, Catherine, he came to this French settlement in 1850. They, too, crossed the Atlantic in a sail boat to New York City, from there by Hudson River and canal boat to Utica. By this time he had only $3.00 left to complete the journey, let alone to make provisions for a new home. He did, however, purchase a plot of land where he and his wife worked hard for a living. At least one season his wife put in the wheat crop while he worked away to earn money to meet expences.

It was common for the younger folks to walk ten or twelve miles to attend church services. Due to poor economic conditions some of them walked barefooted. Three young girls in one family had only one dress among them suitable to wear to church. These girls took turns to go to services one at a time wearing the appropriated dress.

to be continued Joseph F. Beiler

The Church – Its Growth and Struggles

LEWIS COUNTY, NEW YORK

A Trip to Lewis County, New York

Continued from September issue

While driving along a country route from Lowville to Croghan our senior companion was looking for old homesteads which he had visited sixty-six years ago. At one place he said there is the old Peter Lehman home. We inquired to find that the farm is still in Lehman possession and single grandchildren are now living there. They showed us the house in which my grandfather had attended church services in 1877 (according to his diary), and the Lehmans showed us where the minister used to stand and how the benches were arranged in the room. They also showed us some of their grandfather, Minister Peter Lehman's devotionals. These included an European German bible, an European Ausbund, gedruckt in diesem jahr (no date), besides other testaments, psalm lieder, hymn books and others, all in German.

From there we visited other families known by the Zooks where at once we found out there is no need in looking around for a diner or a motel. We all had supper at Ben Yousey's home, a few miles south of Croghan, and about one half of our party stayed at the Bishop Richard Zehr home overnight, between Croghan and Kirschnerville. Before retiring we strolled along the countryside toward Kirschnerville, some of us to a local bookstore and some to see the old cemetery.

The next day we visited a few more homes including the Lyndackers, who had paid civilian service with Jacob Beiler at Boonsboro, Maryland during World War II. After noon we left for home.

Yes, we had traveled before, we have been to the seashore, we have taken in the wonders of Niagara Falls, some of us have seen the Rockies and many other natural wonders, or the splendors of the world. But this trip was different. The friendship with those we have met will not be forgotten, the life of these Swiss-French generation, the examples we have seen, the lessons are imprinted into our person that will remain until the set of sun.

Church History

During the latter part of the eighteenth century this part of New York State became of interest to pioneers. Before that it was considered an Indian wilderness and as late as 1766 an official map shows these areas of northern New York not susceptible to tillage. It was thought the marshy land was full of otters and beavers. It was called Couch-sach-ra-ge by the Indians meaning beaver hunting country. The 1790 U. S. Census records show no white people living in Lewis County and before 1820 the east side of the Beaver River was not yet settled by white man, Shortly after this time a certain Frenchman, named LeRay, purchased a large tract of land through the failure of a French company. This land included Lewis County, New York and extended into Jefferson County to the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. Another Frenchman, John Keiffer, believed by some to be a Mennonite, acted as an agent for LeRay and visited the Amish homes of the Alsace-Lorraine regions of France. 8n 1833 he influenced interested Amish and Mennonite families to leave their European homes and sail for America.

After respective meetings, from 1808 to 1811, by French speaking brethren with officials at Paris, the church was denied military exemption privileges. Together with heavy tax burdens and tight financial conditions in their country many began to think the church could nolonger exist under French Republic policies that forbade them to exercise their religious beliefs which they had so long strove for. From 1815 – 1860 marked a period of a second major wave of immigration to America, chiefly to western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and west. It was during this period that the first Alsatian Amish chose to settle Croghan, New York. Christian Hirschey came with Kiefer the land agent in 1831. Perhaps he was one of the first ones to settle here.

The First Settlers

In 1833 Michael Zehr, a minister, and his wife, Anna Jantzi, landed in New York City, sailed up the Hudson via canal to Utica and from there by foot to their destination. They chose to settle on a tract which is now the northern end of the village of Croghan where Ira Zehr lives.

In 1834 two other ordained ministers arrived, namely, Rudolf Virkler and Joseph Farney, all settled near Croghan. In 1838 this young colony of Alsation Amish was enlarged, new names added to the congregation were Kennel, Mosier, Jantzi, Martin, Noftsier, Roggie, Steria, Shantz, Hirschi, and Widrick. Additional family names are gleaned from cemetery readings who have existed and some still exist in Lewis County. Among these are Lehman, Sauer, Lyndaker, Bellar, Bossert, Streicher, Gingerich, Steiner, Ebersol, and Stoltzfus. Some of the latter names moved there from other settlements of America.

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WAGON-TRUCK ACCIDENT FATAL TO MILTON, IOWA MAN

Pre. Levi A. Miller, 43, was killed when a semi truck struck his wagon from the rear on Hwy. 2, a short distance east of Cantril, on Nov. 15th at 11:45 a.m. He had gone to get some lumber and doors at a barn he was tearing down to finish his barn at home. He was on a clear stretch of the road and the driver said he saw him but just couldn't stop. They had intentions of having church at their place that Sunday. In our church two weeks before Levi had the opening and the main sermon was by Pre. William Miller, 61, who died of heart trouble and other complications on Nov. 16th. (See obituaries)

HOLMES COUNTY HOUSE BURNS

Atlee D. Miller of Dundee R1, Ohio was putting linoleum on a floor in their home when the glue he was using ignited setting the floor on fire. Three fire departments answered the call and got the fire under control but not until the house was damaged beyond repair. Very few contents were saved.

DAVIESS CO., IND. CHILD SUFFERED BURNS

Regina Rose, 1-year-old daughter of Amos Rabers, suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns, Dec. 18th, when her older brother lit matches while her parents were choring. She was home from the hospital at the end of the month and doing fine.

WAYNE CO., OHIO MISHAP

Neal, 6-year-old son of Dan B. and Mattie Yoder, had a mishap on Monday, Dec. 9th, while sledding at school. While he was going downhill Levi Troyer was coming up and he ran into Levi's sled. His mouth had a bad cut in the upper gums and he had to have four upper front teeth removed. The doctor said he is lucky they were still his baby teeth.

CLARK, MO. WOMAN HAD SURGERY ON ANKLE

Mrs. Lydia (Byler), wife of Pre. Daniel S. Beachy, at the age of 39, fell in the kitchen in January of 1958, striking her leg against the table leg. She broke her right ankle in two places, and also had a break between ankle and knee although she did not know it at the time. It appears it also broke the cartlidge in her knee as her knee never bended fully afterwards and she had much trouble with it. It got worse as years went on till in August of 1971 she was confined to the wheel chair. On Nov. 29, 1971 she had surgery to remove both cartilages and had the painful joint scraped, then the ankle got worse till walking did not go good, often on crutches. On Dec. 2, 1974 she had surgery on her ankle. The doctor took off the ankle ball and grafted it into the ankle to stiffen it, and put it in cast. Her knee bends slightly and ankle is to be entirely stiff. The doctor thinks she will be able to walk without pain when all is healed.

KANSAS MAN INJURED EYE

Levi Knepp, 45, Haven R2, Kansas, badly hurt his left eye Nov. 27th while fixing fence on his farm. A wire end sprung up into the pupil of his eye. He was taken to a Hutchinson Hospital and on the 29th was transferred to a Kansas City Hospital where he underwent eye surgery. He came home Dec. 9th and at the end of the month his eyesight in the injured eye had not come back. He may need more surgery later on.

ATTENTION!!!

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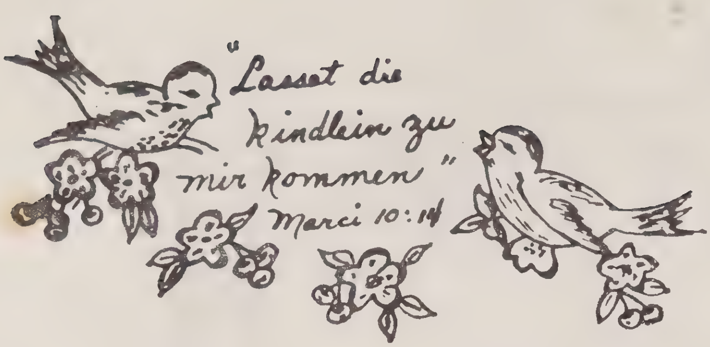
"Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen"
Marci 10:14

BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Christian D. (Mattie King) Paradise R1
a daughter **REBECCA K.**, December 10
BEILER, David E. (Sadie Stoltzfus) Gap R1
a daughter **REBECCA CAROL**, December 3
BEILER, John (Lydia E. King) Honey Brook R1
a son **SAMUEL**, December 6
BEILER, John (Rebecca Beiler) 141 N. Ronks Rd.
Ronks, a son **DAVID ALLEN**, December 27
BEILER, Jonas M. (Gertrude S. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1
a son **STEPHEN JOSEPH**, December 26
BEILER, Levi (Elizabeth King) Kinzers R1
a son **OMAR**, December 3
DIENNER, Eli S. (Rachel L. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1
a son **EMANUEL S.**, December 24
EBERSOL, Benjamin (Salome Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R1
a daughter **RUTH**, December 26
ESH, Aaron S. (Lena King) Gordonville R1
a son **AARON S. JR.**, December 22
FISHER, Elam K. (Mary Blank) Quarryville R3
a son **CHRISTIAN B.**, December 25
FISHER, Henry K. (Elizabeth S. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand
R1, a daughter **ANNIE**, December 17
FISHER, John (Susie Fisher) Paradise R1
a daughter **VERNA MAE**, December 9
FISHER, Levi S. (Susie S. Glick) Christiana R1
a daughter **FANNIE G.**, December 13
FISHER, Moses B. (Katie B. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1
a daughter **SARAH S.**, December 27
GLICK, David Z. (Barbara Petersheim) Ronks R1
a son **JOHN S.**, December 29
KING, Aaron (Susan Schwartz) Gordonville R1
a son **JONATHAN HENRY**, December 1
KING, Benjamin G. (Barbara K. Miller) Quarryville R3
a son **AMOS M.**, December 22
KING, Benuel F. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) 445 Willow Rd.,
Lancaster, a son **CHRISTIAN S.**, December 5
KING, Daniel K. (Ruth Beiler) Quarryville R3
a son **AMOS K.**, December 26
KING, Samuel E. (Mary Zook) Quarryville R3
a daughter **RUTH**, November 20
KING, Samuel S. (Sylvia Ann Lapp) Gordonville R1
a son **JACOB**, November 30
LAPP, Daniel B. (Sylvia Glick) 99 Zook's Lane
Lancaster, a daughter **MARTHA ANN**, December 8
LAPP, Jacob B. (Suvilla E. King) Ronks R1
a daughter **SADIE K.**, December 21
SMUCKER, Aquilla (Rachel Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1
a son **SAMUEL K.**, December 3
SMUCKER, Daniel B. (Mary S. Fisher) Gordonville R1
a daughter **REBECCA F.**, December 27
SMUCKER, David S. (Emma Stoltzfus) East Earl R2
a daughter **RACHEL**, December 24
STOLTZFUS, Benjamin S. (Annie L. Stoltzfus) Gap R2
a son **DAVID S.**, December 25
STOLTZFUS, Benuel F. (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1
a daughter **MARTHA ELIZABETH**, December 22
STOLTZFUS, Daniel B. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Narvon R1
a son **REUBEN S.**, December 19
STOLTZFUS, Daniel L. (Susie K. Petersheim) Quarryville R3, a daughter **MARY P.**, December 25
ZOOK, Amos E. (Annie F. Zook) Ephrata R2
a daughter **RACHEL Z.**, December 11
ZOOK, Henry S. (Bena S. Glick) Ronks R1
a son **AMOS G.**, December 10
ZOOK, Samuel F. (Emma B. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1
a daughter **KATIE S.**, December 13

Dover, Delaware

BRENNEMAN, Simon E. (Lydia Yoder)
a daughter **ANNA**, November 30
MAST, Henry A. (Katie Beachy)
a son **ANDREW**, December 21
MAST, Henry E. (Rosa Hershberger)
a daughter **RUTH ELLEN**, December 27
MILLER, Joe W.. (Malinda Miller)
a daughter **LYDIA MAE**, November 24
MILLER, Jonas M. (Sarah Miller)
a daughter **KATIE**, November 18
MILLER, Mahlon W. (Anna Mast)
a daughter **EMMA**, December 3

Bradford County, Pennsylvania

MAST, Joni (Elizabeth Byler) Friendsville
a daughter **CLARA MAE**, December 18

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Adams County, Pennsylvania

ESH, John Z..(Hannah Stoltzfus) Gettysburg R2
a daughter FANNIE, December 11

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

KANAGY, Moses A..(Emma Wengerd)
a son JOSEPH M., December 2
RENNO, Moses K..(Hannah Lapp)
a daughter RACHEL, December 10

Centre County, Pennsylvania

STOLTZFUS, Jacob K..(Sarah Huyard)
a daughter LYDIA, December 28
STOLTZFUS, Omer (Fannie Byler)
a daughter EMMA, December 1

Montour County, Pennsylvania

STOLTZFUS, John M. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Bloomsburg
a son ABRAHAM K., December 27

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

HOSTETLER, Michael J. (Sarah F. Yoder) Belleville
a son LEVI J., November 10
YODER, Noah (Dena Zook) Reedsville
a son MICHAEL, December 13
YODER, Samuel R..(Barbara H.. Yoder) Belleville
a son THOMAS, December 16

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

BYLER, Ivan (Katie Peachey) Belleville
a daughter LINDA, November 21
HOSTETLER, Joseph (Nancy Peachey) Belleville
a daughter LAVINA, December 18
PEACHEY, Elmer (Mary Zook) Belleville
a daughter REBECCA, December 19
PEACHEY, Louis (Mary Peachey) Belleville
a daughter RHODA, December
SWAREY, David (Katie Yoder) Belleville
a son DANIEL, December 7

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

YODER, Simon C. (Ruth Brenneman) Salisbuty
a daughter REBECCA, December 11

Conewango Valley, New York

MILLER, Atlee (Sovilla M. Sommers)
a daughter REBECCA, October 31
MILLER, Crist (Rachel Yoder)
a daughter FRANEY, November 2
MILLER, Eli (Barbara Y. Miller)
a daughter SARAH, November 6
MILLER, Samuel (Lizzie A. Miller)
a daughter CASSIE, November 6
RABER, Dan N..(SARAh Y, Miller)
a son NOAH, November 24
SHETLER, Amos (Dora A. Miller)
a daughter, born and died November 4

Ashland County, Ohio

MILLER, Emanuel (Sarah Miller) Greenwich R2
a daughter NAOMI, November 12
SCHROCK, David (Esther Keim) Ashland R1
a daughter SUSAN, December 25
TROYER, Sam (Elizabeth Miller) Shiloh R1
a son LEVI, November 4
YODER, Roy (Ella Miller) Ashland R1
a daughter FANNIE, December 26

Danville, Ohio

HOCHSTETLER, Edward (Katherine J. Miller) Danville, a daughter TILLIE, December 26
MILLER, Johnny, Jr. (Mary Y. Hostetler) Danville
a daughter MIRIAM, December 13

Geauga County, Ohio

BYLER, Wm. J. (Ada Yoder)
a son
MILLER, Raymond M. (Ada Hershberger)
a daughter
WEAVER, Crist J. (Fannie Wengerd)
a son
YODER, Joe S..(Mary Miller)
a daughter ROSANNA, December 19

Wayne County, Ohio

HERSHBERGER, Amnias (Susie Stutzman)
a daughter SALOMA, December 28
HERSHBERGER, Eli D. (Amanda Gingerich)
a daughter December 31
MAST, Eli (Mary Ann Hershberger) Fredericksburg R2
a son AARON, December 17
MILLER, Atlee (Mabel Hershberger) Orrville R3
a son VERNON, December 8
MILLER, Ben (Malinda Gingerich) Orrville R3
a daughter EMMA, November 26
MILLER, Levi D. (Fannie Stutzman)
a son DANNIE, November 11
MILLER, Sam (Lydia Hershberger) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter FANNIE, December 21
PETERSHEIM, Dan (Fannie Shetler) Apple Creek R2
a daughter IDA, November 27
SCHLABACH, Dan (Mattie Yoder) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter CLARA, November 28
STUTZMAN, Melvin (Barbara Yoder) Apple Creek R2
a daughter IDA, December 21
SWARTZENTRUBER, Eli (Emma Hershberger)
a son NOAH, December 13
SWARTZENTRUBER, Eli J..(Rachel Yoder) Fredericksburg R2, twins RUDY & RACHEL, December 3
YODER, Paul (Naomi Yoder) Fredericksburg R2
a daughter LEAH, December 20

Holmes County, Ohio

GRABER, Paul (Betty Schlabach) Dundee R2
a son DAVID RAY, December 10
HERSHBERGER, Valentine (Sara Yoder) Baltic R1
a son ALVIN RAY, December 4
KEIM, Aden, Jr. (Sarah Keim) Dundee R1
a daughter MARILYN, November 22
KEIM, Roy (Lizzie Yoder) Fresno R3
a daughter, December 9
KLINE, Alvin (Susan Miller) Millersburg R5
a son, December 2
MAST, Alvin (Esther Raber) Millersburg R5
adaughter RUTH ANN, December 1
MAST, Emanuel (Fannie Erb) Millersburg R5
a daughter NEVA, December 10
MILLER, Eli J. (Esther Miller) Millersburg
a daughter MIRIAM, December 21
MILLER, Henry N. (Mary Yoder) Millersburg
a son, November 19
MILLER, Jacob (EstherYoder) Millersburg R5
a son JOHN, December 4

BIRTHS, Continued

Holmes Co., Ohio, Continued

MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Dundee R2
a son, December 3

RABER, John, Jr. (Lizzie Ann Raber) Millersburg R3
a daughter ERMA, December 10

WENGERD, Alvin (Mattie Raber) Millersburg Star Rt.
a son JON MARC, November 29

YODER, Abe, Jr. (Annie Miller) Millersburg R4
a son, November 25

YODER, Amos (Lydia Ann Yoder) Sugarcreek R1
a son ADEN, December 8

YODER, Isaac (Ellen Weaver) Millersburg R4
a son IVAN, December 15

YODER, Mr. and Mrs. Junior A., Millersburg R4
a son PAUL, November 25

YODER, Paul J. (Mary Yoder) Wilmot R1
a son, December 28

YODER, Roman (Ella Yoder) Baltic R1
a daughter, December 7

Hillsdale County, Michigan

DELAGRANGE, Jerome (Mary Schwartz) Camden
a son LEVI, October 13

EICHER, Victor (Catherine Graber) Camden
a daughter LAVINA, November 8

GRABER, Jonas (Mary Eicher) Camden
a son JONAS, JR., November 25

SCHWARTZ, Joe (Rosa Schwartz) Camden
a son MICHAEL, November 19

Centreville, Michigan

BONTRAGER, Neal A. (LeAnna Hochstetler) Colon R1
a son NEAL, JR., December 21

HOCHSTETLER, Ora J. (Barbara Yoder) Centreville R1
a daughter RACHEL, December 20

TROYER, Sam E. (Leeanna Bontrager) Centreville R1
a daughter IRENE, December 11

Steuben County, Indiana

OTTO, Eli (Susie Yoder) Ashley
a daughter SYLVIA, December 26

Allen County, Indiana

EICHER, Joseph (Margaret Eicher) Grabill
a son DAVID, November 9

GRABER, Reuben (Verna Graber) Grabill
a son REUBEN, December 13

LENGACHER, Lavern (Mary Schmucker) Grabill
a son AMOS, November 22

SCHMUCKER, Jonas (Barbara Schwartz) New Haven
a son JONAS, JR., December 9

SCHMUCKER, Martin (Ruby Zehr) Spencerville R1
a son IRVIN, December 12

STEURY, Reuben (Barbara Brandenberger) Grabill
a son JAMES, December 5

WICKEY, Joseph (Marie Brandenberger) New Haven
a daughter AMANDA, December 20

ZEHR, Menno, Jr. (Mary Ann Brandenberger) New Haven
a daughter ESTHER MARIE, December 4

Milroy, Indiana

YUTZY, Freeman R. (Erma Stutzman) Milroy R1
a daughter ADA, December 5

Adams County, Indiana

CHRISTNER, Sam J. (Anna Girod) Geneva R2
a son SAMUEL, December 6

GIROD, Samuel (Salome Schwzrtz) Geneva R1
a son SAMUEL, December 29

SCHMIDT, Mose (Christine Wickey) Monroe R1
a daughter CHRISTINE, December 17

SCHWARTZ, John (Susie Troyer) Monroe R1
a son NEAL, December 12

TROYER, Ernest (Edna Schwartz) Monroe R1
a daughter CAROLYN, December 4

WENGERD, Noah (Josephine Girod) Monroe R1
a daughter JOSEPHINE, December 18

WICKEY, Jake (Sylvia Schwartz) Berne R2
a daughter SYLVIA, December 9

ZEHR, Joe (Lucy Schwartz) Monroe R1
a son VICTOR, November 22

LaGrange County, Indiana

BONTRAGER, Amos L. (Elsie Miller) Shipshewana R2
a son ANDREW A., December 9

BONTRAGER, Eli L. (Ruth Yoder) Topeka R2
a son DAVID E., December 11

BONTRAGER, Reuben (Marietta Troyer) Ligonier R3
a son WILLIAM R., December 8

BONTRAGER, Richard H. (Erna Hochstedler) La Grange R4, a son FERMAN R., December 10

FREY, Richard (Barbara Miller) Millersburg R1
a son LAVERN JAY, December 5

HERSHBERGER, Henry E. (Susie Miller) LaGrange R4
a daughter EDITH JOAN, December 9

HOCHSTEDLER, Walter J. (Martha Schmucker) Middlebury R2, a son KENNETH LEE, December 16

LAMBRIGHT, Alvin Lee (Marcia Hostetler) Topeka R2
a son LLOYD A., December 9

MAST, Glenn (Luella Miller) Topeka R1
a daughter LORENE G., December 4

MILLER, Chris, Jr. (Wilma Schrock) Shipshewana R1
a son NELSON C., December 16

MILLER, David W. (Esther Yoder) Topeka
a son MARLIN DEAN, December 1

MILLER, Ervin E. (Elizabeth Miller) LaGrange R5
a son ORVA JACOB, December 5

MILLER, Freeman (Mary P. Miller) LaGrange R4
a son CHRISTY, December 17

MILLER, Olen S. (Barbara Ann Bontrager) LaGrange
a son STEVEN LYNN, December 3

MILLER, Perry A. (Alice Hochstedler) Topeka R2
a daughter ESTHER, December 8

SCHLABACH.. John E. (Wilma Yoder) Goshen R1
a daughter LORENE J., December 6

YODER, Lavern (Mabel Mullet) Topeka R1
a daughter KATHRYN ANN, December 13

YODER, Orval D. (Linda Hershberger) LaGrange R4
a son LEROY O., December 4

Elkhart County, Indiana

MILLER, Ray P. (Carol Miller) Middlebury R1
a daughter DORIS, December 3

OTTO, Perry (Edna Miller) Middlebury R1
a daughter NAOMI, December 19

WINGARD, Mahlon (Esther Troyer) Shipshewana R2
a daughter MARY LOU, December 10

YODER, Stanley (Marietta Chupp) Goshen R1
a son DEAN JAY, December 7

Daviess County, Indiana
GRABER, Enos (Anna Weaver)
a son ANDREW, December 21
LENGACHER, Edwin (Katie Wagler)
a son EDWARD JAY, December 1
LENGACHER, Henry, Jr. and Margaret
a daughter CHRISTINA, November 21
WAGLER, Dewayne (Joan Graber)
a son, December 14

Arthur, Illinois
MAST, Levi D. (Fanny J. Yoder)
a son ANDREW, December 24
MILLER, Marvin (Anna Mae Hostetler)
a son, December 26

Pike County, Missouri
BURKHOLDER, Eli (Ida Eicher) Curryville
a stillborn son, November 25
GIROD, Bennie (Barbara Troyer) Curryville
a daughter ESTHER
LEE, Noah (Katie Martin) Curryville
a daughter MARY, October 27
SCHROCK, Joe (Rachel Eicher) Curryville
a son ELI, November 6
SCHWARTZ, Levi (Martha Hershberger) Bowling Green
a son MOSES

Jamesport, Missouri
KRAMER, Vernon (Becky Graber)
a son VERNON, JR., December 14. The baby died two days later in a Kansas City hospital.

Audrain County, Missouri
BONTRAGER, Eli (Sarah Burkholder) Clark
a son LEVI, December 1
BORNTREGER, Christian (Susie Miller) Clark
a daughter CLARA, December 15, died December 20
BORNTREGER, Jonas (Lydia Borntreger) Clark
a son CLEMENS, December 13
MILLER, Henry (Anna Miller) Madison
a daughter EDNA, Dec. 11, died Dec. 25
PETERSHEIM, Eli J. L. (Mary Borntreger) Clark
a son MOSES, December 1
SHETLER, Mose (Clara Miller) Clark
a son MILTON, December 13

Milton, Iowa
GINGERICH, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, Milton R1
a daughter ELIZABETH
MAST, John (Lizzie Miller) Keosauqua R1
a daughter IRENE, December 19
MILLER, Monroe (Lydia Miller) Pulaski R1
a son JOHN, December
MULLET, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy, Milton R1
a son LEROY, JR., December

Buchanan cCounty, Iowa
BONTRAGER, Dan (Lizzie Mullet) Fairbank
a son MELVIN, December 3
HERSHBERGER, John (Ida Gingrich) Independence
a daughter ANNA, December 24
HERSHBERGER, Jonas (Emma Kauffman) Hazleton
a son HENRY, November 28
MILLER, Noah (Mary Shetler) Hazleton
a son CHRISTIE, December 23

Johnson County, Iowa
GINGERICH, David (Vera Hochstetler)
a daughter NINA
MILLER, Vernon (Frieda Ropp)
a son

Medford, Wisconsin
YODER, Floyd (Barbara Stutzman)
a son EDWARD, December 23

Amherst, Wisconsin
BORNTRAGER, Christ (Martha Schmucker)
a son JOHNNY, November 6

Wadena, Minnesota
MILLER, David (Rosa Schrock)
a son, December 5
MILLER, Lester (Barbara Mast)
a son LEVI, December 20

Milverton, Ontario, Canada
JANTZI, Norman (Ruth Kuepfer)
a son, December 25
STREICHER, Ezra (Barbara Zehr)
a daughter CHRISTENA, December 23

Aylmer, Ontario
STOLL, Elmo (Elizabeth Miller)
a son ANDREW, November 17
WAGLER, Simon (Susie Eicher)
a daughter SUSANNA, December 1

Guaimaca, Honduras
HOCHSTETLER, Monroe (Mary Slaubaugh)
a son JERRY, December 9
STOLL, Alva (Bertha Kauffman)
a daughter RUTH, July 30

INDIAND MAN CUT HAND IN SAW

Noah N. Eicher, of Ashley, Ind., had a short visit to the Cameron Hospital, Angola, Ind. on Dec. 26th. He, with his two sons and a nephew, went to the woods to buzz wood. He accidentally reached into the saw, sawing the second finger on the right hand, which cut the tendon and mangled the skin. They took skin from the left arm to graft on the finger. He came home the same evening.

COMMUNITY NOTE – Clark, Missouri

The mumps have started in our community. Many children and young married folks have not had it as it was not in the community for many years.

CHURCH DISTRICT DIVISIONS

Kalona, Iowa – The Southeast (Jonas Beachy) church district was divided last Sunday, so we now have seven districts.

Franklin Co., Cumberland Co., Pa. – Church district was divided Sunday, Dec. 29th. The road from Shippensburg to Newburg (Route 696) is the line. Sixteen families are on the east side and eighteen on the west side with several more families planning to move into each district till spring. Ministers are Sam Kauffman and Ben Lantz, west district, and Christ Esh, east district.

OBITUARIES

BEILER, John R., 82, Kinzers R1, Pa.

died at Ephrata Community Hospital Tuesday night, Dec. 17. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late David and Susan (Renno) Beiler. His first wife, Lydia (Stoltzfus) Beiler, died in 1956. Survivors include his wife, Barbara (Smoker)(King) Beiler; five children, Susie, wife of Jacob Esh, New Holland R2; Christ S., Gordonville R1; Lena, wife of David C. Peachey, Belleville, Pa. and John R. and Jacob R., both of Lancaster; 19 grandchildren and 18 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are five stepchildren, Katie, wife of Phares Fisher, Kinzers R1; Lavina, wife of Isaac Stoltzfus, Bart; Eli King, Gordonville R1; Christian King, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Barbara, wife of Melvin Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1; 26 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the David B. Zook residence, Kinzers R1 on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11:00 a.m., by Bishop John F. Glick and Preacher Isaac Dienner. Burial was in the Myers Cemetery.

BORNTREGER, Clara, 5 days, Clark Missouri

died Dec. 20th at the University Hospital in Columbia. She was born in the Woodland Hospital in Moberly, then transferred to Columbia. Surviving are the parents, Christian and Susie Borntreger; two brothers and three sisters. Grandparents are Mose and Rachel Borntreger, and Ezra and Edna Miller.

EBERSOL, Annie B., 11 Mo., Ronks R1, Pa.

died at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10. She was under a doctor's care. Born Dec. 23, 1973 she was a daughter of Abram and Mary (Beiler) Ebersol. Her age was 11 mo. and 17 days. In addition to her parents she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Christian and Fannie (Beiler) Beiler, Paradise R1; paternal grandparents, David Z. and Leah (Beiler) Ebersol, Leola R1; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Annie Ebersol, Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday, Dec. 12, at 12 noon by Christ Esh and David Smoker. Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

FISHER, John K., 75, of Kinzers R1, Pa.

died Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 5 a.m. at his home. He had been under the care of a physician. He was the husband of Barbara (Esh) Fisher. Born in East Lampeter Twp., he was a son of the late John L. and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher. In addition to his wife he is survived by the following children: Stephen E., Pasadena, Calif.; Levi E., Kinzers R1; John E., Gap R1; Benjamin A., Newburg, Pa.; Elmer E., Kinzers R1; David E., Paradise R1; Daniel E., Strasburg R1; Sadie, wife of Omar F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Susie, wife of Jesse F. King, Ronks R1; Barbara wife of Omar F. King, Coatesville R2, and Lizzie, wife of Christ Blank, New Holland R2; 59 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by the following half-brothers and half-sisters: Levi J. Fisher and Emanuel R. Fisher, both of Bird-in-Hand R1; Amos L. Fisher and Susie, wife of Daniel Esh, both of Gordonville R1, and Lavina, wife of Amos F. Huyard, New Holland R1.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. by Stevie Esh and Bishop Henry S. Fisher; hymn read by Amos E. Stoltzfus; hymn at graveyard read by John K. Lapp; abschied by Stephen S. Fisher. Burial was at Beiler's Cemetery, Ronks.

KEIM, Infant Daughter, Pleasant Lake, Ind.

was stillborn to Dan and Amandia (Yoder) Keim on Dec. 1st. Surviving are six brothers and seven sisters. Graveside services were held by Ruben E. Schwartz on Dec. 2nd. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery. We now have two little girls in our new Cemetery.

KING, Daniel S., 92, of Narvon R2, Pa.

died Monday, Dec. 30, at 4:45 p.m. at the home of his son, Joel B. King, Ronks R1. Born in West Earl Township, he was a son of the late Joel and Annie (Stoltzfus) King. His wife, Hannah (Blank) King, died in 1964. He is survived by the following children: Benjamin B., New Holland R2; Joel B., Ronks R1; Christian B., Gap R1; Jonas B. and Daniel B., Narvon R2; Reuben B., Coatesville R2; Samuel B., Gordonville R1; Enos B. and Levi B., Gap R1; Anna, wife of Aaron S. Fisher, Gap R2; Miriam B., wife of Daniel S. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; and Katie, wife of Michael K. Smoker, Ronks R1; 42 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Isaac S. King, Leola R1.

Funeral services were held from the Dan S. Stoltzfus residecne, Narvon R2, Wednesday morning, Jan. 1, at 11 a.m., by Pre. Daniel K. King and Pre. Lloyd M. Beiler; hymn read by Dea. Samuel King. Hymn at graveyard read by David Lapp; abschied was by Isaac Dienner; burial in Myers Cemetery.

KINSINGER, Urias, 87, Salisbury, Pa.

died at his home Dec. 6th of old age infirmities and was just worn out, at the age of 87 yr., 3 mo., 26 days. He was born Aug. 10, 1887 to Abraham and Polly (Hochstetler) Kinsinger. Surviving are his wife, the former Mattie Wengerd, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Hochstetler) Wengerd; three daughters, Lydia, Nancy and Lena, all at home, and a sister, Mrs. Sevilla Zook of Meyersdale, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, four brothers and two sisters of which only two reached adulthood.

Burial was in the Summit Mills Cemetery.

KUEPFER, David S., 44, Milverton, Ontario

died Dec. 29th in Listowell Hospital after a long illness. He had asthma for many years. Born in November of 1930 he was the second son of Sam and Lydia (Schwartz) Kuepfer. He married Dorothy Wagler Aug. 20, 1961, who survives, also a son Herbie, 10 and a daughter Ellen, 7; his parents; one brother, Aaron of Linwood R1; and three sisters, Mrs. David N. Jantzi, Mrs. Menno Wagler and Mrs. Joe K. Zehr.

Funeral services were held Jan. 1st at the home of his brother Aaron.

MAST, Levi D., 55, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Monday, Nov. 25, in the home of a brother, Dan D. of Fredericksburg R2. Born in Paint Twp., Holmes County, he was a son of the late David S. and Katie A. (Hershberger) Mast. Surviving are his widow, Mattie Y. Miller, whom he married Dec. 9, 1943; a son, Roman, of Winesburg; three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. William (Fannie) Troyer, Miss Anna D. Mast, Roman and Dan, all of Fredericksburg R2, and Mrs. Jonas D. (Susie) Yoder of Apple Creek R2; and two half sisters, Mrs. Christ D. (Barbara) Miller of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Sam M. (Mary) Miller of Holmesville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 28, in the Roman D. Mast residence. Burial was in the Schlabach Cemetery.

MAST, Mrs. Mary, 82, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Wednesday morning, Dec. 4, at her home after a short illness. Born in Holmes County Nov. 25, 1892, she was a daughter of Emanuel J. and Mary E. (Miller) Miller. On Dec. 11, 1919, she married Levi S. Mast who died April 16, 1971. Survivors are six daughters, Mrs. Jonas (Sarah) Schlabach and Mrs. Joe (Susie) Helmuth, both of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Albert (Verna) Raber of Millersburg R2, and Mattie, Barbara and Mary of the home; two sons, Emanuel of Apple Creek R2, and Sam of the home; 41 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. John W. Miller and Mrs. Abe E. Raber, both of Fredericksburg; and two brothers, Emanuel Miller of Fredericksburg and John Miller of Holmesville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 7, in the home by Bishop Levi J. Miller. Burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery.

MILLER, Edna, 14 days, Madison, Missouri

died Dec. 25th at the University Hospital where she was a patient less than a day. Surviving are the parents, Henry T. and Anna Miller; three brothers; grandparents, Dea. Tobias and Sarah Miller, and Ezra and Edna Miller.

Funeral services were held the next day at the Christian Borntregers home, by Bishop Jake L. Petersheim.

MILLER, Pre. Levi A., 43, Milton, Iowa

died in an accident Nov. 15th (see front page). A son of Andrew D. and Lizzie (Troyer) Miller, he was born April 1, 1931 at Kokomo, Ind., and died at the age of 43 yr., 7 mo., 14 days. April 8, 1956 he married Katie Mae Eash, and lived in matrimony 18 yr., 7 mo., 7 days. Surviving besides his wife and parents are six daughters and four sons, Rosie 17, Treva 16, Jerry 14, Bennie 13, Ruth 10, David 7, Dannie 5, Mary Ann 3, Martha 2, and Elmer 5 months, all at home; two sisters, Mary, married to Milo Hochstetler, and Christina; two brothers, Owen, married to Edna Schmucker, and Neal, married to Emma Miller. Preceding him in death were a brother, Eli, married to Annie Bontrager. He was ordained to the ministry on Oct. 11, 1958.

Funeral services were held at Junior, Henry and Mahlon Mullets on Nov. 18th.

MILLER, Rebecca, 92, Shipshewana R1, Ind.

died Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12, in her home. She was born in LaGrange County Sept. 23, 1882, and was a lifetime resident of the area. She was married Feb. 19, 1903, to Urias Miller, who preceded her in death Nov. 4, 1966. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Noah Miller of Shipshewana; five sons, John of Jamesport, Mo., Levi and Urias, both of Topeka, Amos of Millersburg and Andrew of Middlebury: 80 grandchildren; 139 great-grandchildren, and a brother, John J. S. Yoder in the Goshen Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the family home by Bishop Abe Yoder. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

MILLER, Pre. William W., 61, Milton, Iowa

died Nov. 16, at the age of 61 yr., 5 mo., 27 days. Born May 19, 1913 in Reno Co., Kansas, he was a son of the late William and Sarah Miller. He was married to Millie Bontrager, daughter of Levi and Fannie (Stutzman) Bontrager, on April 1, 1937 at Hazelton, Iowa; lived in matrimony 37 yr., 5 mo., 15 days. He was ordained to the ministry April 21, 1957. Surviving are his wife; five sons and two daughters, Levi, married to Wilma Detweiler of Cashton, Wis.; Sarah, married to Mervin Hershberger of Pulaski, Ia.; William Jr., married to Albertz Yutzy, Raymond, married to Martha Gingerich, Clara, married to Harvey Kurtz, all of Hazelton, Iowa, Joe and John of the home; 24 grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother and one daughter.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19th at Junior, Mahlon, and Henry Mullets.

SCHWARTZ, Bish. Joseph S., 69, New Haven R1, Ind.

died Dec. 30th after being stricken from a heart attack on the 27th. He had the first part of the sermon on Christmas Day and said if he lives until the 11th of January he'd be 70. He was a son of the late Pre. Sam and Leah (Delagrange) Schwartz, and was married to Lydia Schmucker on June 20, 1929. Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Amos of Grabill R2, and Joseph Jr. at home; five daughters, Mrs. Victor (Anna) Graber, Mrs. Amos (Susan) Graber, Grabill R3, Mrs. Mervin (Margaret) Graber, Grabill R2, Mrs. Rudy (Lydiann) Schwartz, New Haven R1, and Rosa at home; a brother, Amos R., Grabill R2; and five sisters, Mrs. Ben (Emma) Wittman, Mrs. Harvey (Margaret) Graber, Mrs. Amos (Barbara) Graber, and Mrs. Joseph (Rosa) Graber of Grabill R2, and Mrs. Jacob (Elizabeth) Delagrange of Woodburn R1. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter and a younger sister, Leah.

Funeral services were held in the house by Bishop Henry Miller of LaGrange Co., Ind. and Joe Graber of Daviess Co., Ind., and in the shed by Bishop Joe Eicher of Adams Co., Ind. and John Yoder of Delaware. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery.

WITTMER, Bishop Amos G., 92, Daviess Co., Ind.

died Nov. 14th. He was the oldest of the Amish people in Daviess County and the oldest person ever buried in the Stoll Cemetery.

STOLTZFUS, Christian P., 79, Honey Brook R2, Pa.

died at his home Sunday, Dec. 1, at 8 a.m. He wasn't quite so good lately and was very short of breath, but seemed pretty good that morning and ate a good breakfast, then died very suddenly. His age was 79 yr., 3 mo., 14 days. Born in East Lampeter Twp., he was a son of the late Christ P. and Katie Stoltzfus. His wife, Malinda S. (King) Stoltzfus, died in 1965. He is survived by eight sons and three daughters: John K. Christian L. and Ephraim K., all of Narvon R2; Leroy K., Ronks R1; Menno K., Boswell R2; David K., Bird-in-Hand R1; Daniel J., Honey Brook R2; Eli K., Paraguay, South America; Rebecca K. and Katie K. Stoltzfus, both at home; and Leah K., wife of David Lantz, Leola R1; 52 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning, Dec. 4, at 8:30, sermon by Edward Nissley from Illinois and Elam Kauffman; hymn read by Abram Gingerich from Illinois; hymn at graveyard read by John K. Stoltzfus; abschied by Stephen Stoltzfus Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

TROYER, Albert A., 43, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio

died unexpectedly early Monday morning, Dec. 30, after lingering about six months from lung cancer. He was never married. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of Bishop Andrew N. and Mary (Schlabach) Troyer. Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters and four brothers, Emma Troyer, Mahlon A., John A. N. and Andrew A., all of Sugarcreek R1, Mrs. Abe A. (Mary) Yoder of Fresno R1, and Abe A. of Plain City, and a grandmother, Mrs. Susan Schlabach of Sugarcreek R1, who is 93 years old.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. by Jonas E. Schlabach. Burial was in Smucker Cemetery in Clark Township.

WEAVER, Jacob P., 78, Apple Creek R2, Ohio

died at Doctors Hospital in Massillon Dec. 1st following a heart attack. Born in Holmes County, March 15, 1896, he was a son of the late Peter and Mattie (Byler) Weaver. On Feb. 6, 1919 he married Fannie A. Yoder, who survives, along with a daughter, Mrs. Menno R. (Mattie) Troyer of Orrville R3, a son, Abe J. of Fredericksburg R2, 27 grandchildren, 14 step grandchildren, and a brother, Christ P. Weaver of Millersburg R5.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Eli A. S. Miller home by Jacob R. Troyer. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

NORWICH, ONTARIO ACCIDENT

Dan J. Shetler, of Norwich R1, was riding in the hack when he was hit by a car on the evening of Dec. 24th. He was thrown into the ditch and was unconscious for several hours. He suffered cracked ribs and some head injuries but was released from the hospital the next day. The hack was demolished and the car sustained $1500 damage.

MIGRATION – Ervin A. Millers moved from Orwell, Ohio (Bloomfield Church district) to Guys Mills, Pa. on November 30, 1974.

MARRIAGES

Dover, Delaware

Coblentz, Byler – Harvey, son of Freeman J. and Anna Mary Coblentz, to Ruth, daughter of Andrew W. and Lizzie Byler, Dec. 12, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz.

Detweiler, Miller – David, son of Henry J. and Anna Detweiler, to Barbara, daughter of Andy J. D. and Lydia Miller, Dec. 17, by Bishop Jonas Coblentz.

Montour County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Fisher – Samuel, son of Jonas K. and Fannie (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Malinda, daughter of Benuel S. and Arie (Smucker) Fisher of Danville, Nov. 26, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher

Mifflin County, Pa. (Church Lane District)

Hostetler, Yoder – Jess, son of Jeff S. and Miriam (Hostetler) Hostetler, to Nancy, daughter of Moses S. and Rebecca (Yoder) Yoder, Dec. 17, by Bishop John J. S. Yoder.

Adams County, Pennsylvania

Hostetler, Stoltzfus – Steven, son of Steve and Lydia Hostetler, to Mary, daughter of Pre. Gideon S. and Sadie (Byler) Stoltzfus, Oct. 29.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Benjamin L., son of Moses and Elizabeth A. (Swarey) Stoltzfus, to Mary, daughter of Pre. Isaac and Lavina (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Dec. 17, by Bishop Enos M. Beiler.

Conewango Valley, New York

Yoder, Miller – Amos, son of Mrs. Sam J. Mast, to Anna, daughter of Harvey E. and Lizzie (Yoder) Miller, Nov. 7, by Bishop Menno E. Miller.

Raber, Miller – Crist, son of Noah and Mary Raber, to Emma, daughter of Harvey E. and Lizzie (Yoder) Miller, Nov. 12, by Bishop Menno E. Miller,

Hostetler, Miller – Noah, son of Josie and Anna (Yoder) Hostetlee, to Mattie, daughter of Levi D. and Rebecca (Yoder) Miller, Nov. 14, by Bishop Noah B. Detweiler.

Hostetler, Shetler – Emanuel, son of Pre. Eli Y. and Mattie (Shetler) Hostetler, to Mattie, daughter of Mose N. and Amanda (Yoder) Shetler, Nov. 19, by Bishop Menno E. Miller.

Medina County, Ohio

Hostetler, Schrock – John, son of Levi and Caroline Hostetler, to Lydia, daughter of Emanuel and Emma (Slabaugh) Schrock, November 14.

Wayne County, Ohio

Wengerd, Miller – Abe, son of Valentine and the late Lizzie (Weaver) Wengerd, to Verna, daughter of John and Sarah Ann Miller, December 12.

Yoder, Miller – John, son of Menno L. and Mary Yoder, to Edna, daughter of Jonas J. and Katie Miller, December 5, by Bishop Jacob R. Troyer.

Gingerich, Hershberger – Jacob, son of Mahlon and Frances (Swartzentruber) Gingerich, to Susan, daughter of Andy and Mary (Shrock) Hershberger, November 7.

Yoder, Swartzentruber – John, son of Dan and Katie (Petersheim) Yoder, to Lizzie, daughter of Joas and Cevilla (Hershberger) Swartzentruber, November 26.

Holmes County, Ohio

Yoder, Yoder – Chriss, son of Sam Yoder, to Ada, daughter of Dan and Katie (Petersheim) Yoder, December 5.

Hershberger, Troyer – Andy, son of Levi A. and Fannie (Yoder) Hershberger, to Susie, daughter of Sam A. and Fannie (Yoder) Troyer, December 10, by Bishop Andy M. Miller.

Erb, Hershberger – Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Erb, Baltic R1, to Esther, daughter of Mrs. V. A. Hershberger and the late Bishop V. A. Hershberger, Millersburg R3, December 10, by Bishop Dan N. Yoder.

Miller, Yoder – Roman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon J. Miller, Baltic R1, to Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Yoder, Millersburg R2, December 12, by Bishop John C. Yoder.

Ashland County, Ohio

Hershberger, Yoder – Jonas, son of John J.. and Bena Hershberger, to Anna, daughter of Aden and Edna Yoder, Dec. 5, by Bishop Simon Brenneman.

Centreville, Michigan

Yoder, Bontrager – Marvin, son of John and Fannie (Helmuth) Yoder, Colon R1, to Sylvia, daughter of Ezra J. and Marie Bontrager, Centreville R1, Dec. 5, by Bishop Wm. J. Bontrager.

Allen County, Indiana

Lengacher, Graber – Menno, son of Amos and Amanda Marie (Graber) Lengacher, to Anna, daughter of John and Maggie)Lengacher) Graber, Dec. 19, by Bishop John Graber.

Miller, Steury – Christ, son of Amos and Edna (Graber) Miller, to Joan, daughter of Reuben and Irene (Brandenberger) Steury, Dec. 29, by Bishop Sam C. Graber.

Adams County, Indiana

Christner, Schwartz – Ben J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Christner, Berne R2, to Josephine T., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ M. Schwartz, Berne R2, December 15.

LaGrange, County, Indiana

Miller, Barkman – John, son of late Roman and Esther (Miller) Miller, to Waneta, daughter of Monroe and Lena (Wagler) Barkman.

Bontrager, Miller – Ernest, son of Mahlon and Lydia Mae (Yoder) Bontrager, to Martha, daughter of William and Mary (Schrock) Miller.

Daviess County, Indiana

Eicher, Wagler – Omar, son of Bishop Jacob Eicher, Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, to Ida, daughter of Bishop Ben E. Wagler, Nov. 14, by Bishop Jacob Eicher.

Raber, Knepp – Henry, son of Henry Raber, to Ida Mae, daughter of Melvin Knepp, Nov. 21, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp.

Wagler, Graber – Levi Wagler to Dorothy Graber, Dec. 8, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp.

Wagler, Knepp – Simon Wagler to Ruth Knepp, Dec. 29, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp.

Kosciusko County, Indiana

Miller, Stutzman – Vernon, son of Floyd and Sara Miller, Goshen R1, to Rosa, daughter of Dan and Anna Stutzman, Nappanee R2, December 4, by Bishop Milo J. K. Miller.

Audrain County, Missouri

Shrock, Petersheim – Joe Shrock, Medford, Wisc., to Mattie, daughter of Bishop Benedict L. Petersheim, Dec. 12. They plan to make their home in Medford.

Jamesport, Missouri

Gingerich, Yoder – Freddie, son of Fred Gingerich, Wisconsin, to Miriam daughter of Jonas and Mary Ann (Fry) Yoder, Dec. 5.

Miller, Graber – Urie, son of Andy Miller, Geauga County, Ohio, to Martha, daughter of Melvin and Sarah (Schrock) Graber, Dec. 12.

Detweiler, Kurtz – William, son of Freeman Detweiler, Buchanan County, Iowa, to Rosanna, dau. of Jonas and Katie (Yoder) Kurtz, Dec. 19.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Yoder, Shetler – Alvin, son of Dea. Abe Yoder, to Verba, daughter of Bishop Atlee Shetler, Dec. 12, by Bishop Atlee Shetler.

LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGES OF 1974

August 1

Kauffman, Stoltzfus – Melvin, son of Isaac and Emma (Fisher) Kauffman, Smoketown, to Katie Mae, daughter of Christ and Salina (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Amos E. King.

October 29

Stoltzfus, King – Stephen, son of Stephen F. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Loganton R2, to Lydia, daughter of Isaac and Savilla (Beiler) King, Christiana R1, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Zook – Amos N., son of Sylvan and Mima (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, to Sylvia B., daughter of Elam and Mary (Beiler) Zook, Christiana, by Sylvan Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Jonas E. son of Emma (Esh) and the late John .. Stoltzfus, to Malinda, daughter of Eli S. and Katie (King) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

October 31

Zook, Stoltzfus – Joseph, son of Moses B. and Sarah (Blank) Zook, Gordonville R1, to Fannie, daughter of Samuel K. and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Atglen R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King

Beiler, Stoltzfus – Levi S., son of Israel M. and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler, to Fannie, daughter of Jesse and Lavina (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Israel M. Beiler, Christiana R1.

Lapp, King – Benuel S., son of Amos S. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Strasburg R1, to Katie L., daughter of Amos M. and Lydia (Lapp) King, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Herschberger, Zook – Jacob J. Jr., son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger Kirkwood R1, to Annie, daughter of Christ S. and Jemima (Zook) Zook, Lancaster R4, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

LANCASTER CO. MARRIAGES, Continued

King, Stoltzfus — Christ S., son of Christ K. and Barbara (Fisher) King, Leola R1, to Anna Mary, daughter of Sol E. and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Paradise R1, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

Stoltzfus, Fisher — John F., son of Katie (Fisher) and the late John L. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Lizzie, daughter of Samuel M. and Annie (King) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Fisher — Aaron F., son of Emma (Esh) and the late John F. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, to Emma, daughter of Levi J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Kauffman, Glick — Amos E., son of Joseph and Susie (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1, to Arie, daughter of John S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick, Quarryville R3, by Bishop Sylvan Stoltzfus.

November 5

Smoker, Speicher — John B., son of John and Salome (Beiler) Smoker, Myerstown R1, to Lizzie, daughter of John and Miriam (Zook) Speicher, Lancaster, by Bishop David Blank.

King, Fisher — Daniel K., Jr., son of Daniel and Anna (Beiler) King, Lancaster, to Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen S. and Katie (Glick) Fisher, Kinzer R1, by Bishop Noah J. Coblentz.

Stoltzfus, Fisher — Melvin K., son of Christ L. and Mary (King) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2. to Rebecca, daughter of Samuel U. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Elverson R2, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

Beiler, King — David K., son of Jacob K. and Annie (Glick) Beiler, Gap R1, to Barbara Ann, daughter of Levi A. and Sadie (Esh) King, Gap R2, by Bishop Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Beiler — Benuel S., son of Abram L. and the late Barbara (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Annie, daughter of Amos F. and Priscilla (Zook) Beiler, Leola R1, by Bishop Israel J. Beiler.

Beiler, Lantz — Samuel E., son of John K. and Anna Mary (Esch) Beiler, Quarryville R3, to Annie, daughter of Stephen and Mary (King) Lantz, Intercourse, by Bishop John K. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Lapp — Elias L., son of Benjamin K. and Anna Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Mattie, daughter of Sarah (King) and the late Ephraim S. Lapp, Quarryville R2, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

Smucker, Stoltzfus — David L., son of Elmer S. and Fannie (Lapp) Smucker, to Ruth Ann, daughter of John K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1; Fisher, Stoltzfus — Benjamin L., son of Daniel L. and Elizabeth (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R1, to Anna M., daughter of John K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, by Bishop Joseph L. Graber, Daviess County, Indiana.

Esh, Miller — Levi R., son of Stephen J. and Sarah (Fisher) Esh, to Rebecca, daughter of Eli P. and Arie Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Enos M. Beiler.

Esh, Stoltzfus — Daniel A., son of Daniel S. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Esh, Paradise R1, to Naomi B., daughter of David L. and Lydia (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, by Bishop Sylvan Stoltzfus.

Lapp, Smucker — John D., son of Salome (Stoltzfus) and the late Isaac F. Lapp, Ronks R1, to Barbara A., daughter of Jonathan E. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Kinzer R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

November 7

Esh, King — Henry P., Jr., son of Henry P. and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh, Ronks R1, to Katie E., daughter of John K. and Arie (Esh) King, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Herschberger, Kinsinger — William B., son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger, Kirkwood R1, to Drusilla A., daughter of Andrew S. and Mattie (Lapp) Kinsinger, Gordonville R1, by Bishop John J. Schmucker, Cashton, Wisconsin.

Fisher, Beiler — Henry R., son of Seth and Annie (Riehl) Fisher, Gordonville R1, to Mary K., daughter of Samuel H. and Lydia (King) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Joseph L. Graber, Daviess County, Indiana.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus — Abner G., son of Henry S. and Annie (Glick) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Mattie, daughter of Abram K. and Hannah (Smoker) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

King, King — Michael S., son of Aaron K. and Katie (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, to Sarah E., daughter of John M. and Fannie (ESh) King, Quarryville R2, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

Stoltzfus, Beiler — Elam Z., son of John M. and Sylvia (Zook) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, to Sarah L., daughter of Elam K. and Mary (Dienner) Beiler, Coatesville R2, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

King, Stoltzfus — Benuel K., son of Aaron F. and Emma (King) King, Gordonville R1, to Lavina E., daughter of Eli B. and Lavina (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Fisher, Esh — Isaac L., son of Isaac S. and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher, Gordonville R1, to Barbara S., daughter of Stephen, Jr. and Sarah (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

Beiler, Stoltzfus — Melvin K., son of Jacob F. and Katie (Kauffman) Beiler, Kinzer R1, to Fannie B., daughter of Chester Z. and Mary (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Talmage, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus — John S., Jr., son of John S. and Anna (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Rebecca F., daughter of Daniel L. and Arie (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Soudersburg, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

November 12

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus — Elam B., son of Mary (Blank) and the late Christian N. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, to Marian L., daughter of Paul J. and Lavina (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Lancaster, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Esh, Fisher — Samuel A., Jr., son of Samuel A. and Mary (Smucker) Esh, Paradise R1, to Linda Ann, daughter of Stephen U. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

King, Glick — Samuel L., son of the late Christian B. and Lydia (Lapp) King, Gap R1, to Linda S., daughter of David W. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick, Lancaster, by Bishop Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

Fisher, Lantz – John K., son of Emanuel L. and Rebecca (King) Fisher, Gordonville R1, to Leah B., daughter of Isaac S. and Rachel (Beiler) Lantz, Gordonville, R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Stoltzfus, King – Emanuel L., son of Levi L. and Sarah (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Fannie Z., daughter of Aquilla B. and Mary (Zook) King, Quarryville R3, by Bishop John K. Beiler.

Beiler, Esh – Andrew Lee, son of Jacob K. and Katie (Beiler) Beiler, Holtwood R2, to Ada S., daughter of Amos G. and Katie (Huyard) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Isaac H. Zook.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Jacob F., son of Amos L. and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Rachel K., daughter of Stephen J. and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, by Bishop John J. Schmucker, Cashton, Wisconsin.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfoos – Israel M., son of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Stoltzfos, Bloomsburg R1, to Rebecca B., daughter of Samuel F. and Fannie (Beiler) Stoltzfoos, Gap R1, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher.

Miller, Ebersole – Emanuel C., son of John S. and Annie (Lapp) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Fannie K., daughter of Aaron F. and Mary (Kauffman) Ebersole, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus.

November 14

Lapp, Stoltzfus – Henry B., son of Jacob M. and Katie (Beiler) Lapp, Lancaster, to Rebecca B., daughter of Andrew K. and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Oxford R1, by Bishop John K. Beiler.

King, Stoltzfus – John Z., son of David R. and Katie (Zook) King, Strasburg R1, to Rachel F., daughter of Leroy and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

King, Beiler – David G., son of Eli Z. and Emma (Esh) King, Gordonville R1, to Lena M., daughter of Levi E. and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Amos G. Esh.

Allgyer, Beiler – Elam S., son of John M. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Anna F., daughter of Ben F. and Annie (Fisher) Beiler, Paradise R1, by Bishop David Blank.

Beiler, Smucker – Elmer, son of Eli S. and Mary (Beiler) Beiler, Gordonville R1, to Lydia Ann, daughter of John M. and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Gap R1, by Bishop Gideon King.

Glick, Lapp – Levi K., son of Abner S. and Hannah (King) Glick, Christiana R1, to Sarah F., daughter of Amos K. and Mary (Fisher) Lapp, Leola R1, by Bishop John S. Glick.

Smucker, Fisher – Aaron K., son of Daniel E. and Barbara (King) Smucker, Strasburg R1, to Susie S., daughter of Henry F. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Willow Street R1, by Bishop Christ . Fisher.

King, Zook – Omer B., son of Abram K. and Sarah (Beiler) King, Lancaster, to Anna G., daughter of Joel Z. and Rachel (Glick) Zook, Kinzer R1, by Bishop Tobias Petersheim, Juniata County, Pa.

November 19

Glick, Stoltzfus – Ephraim Z., son of David R., Jr. and Rachel (Zook) Glick, Lancaster, to Annie B., daughter of Levi E. and Barbara (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Smucker, Fisher – John F., son of David J. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Smucker, Narvon R1, to Katie F., daughter of Daniel S. and Rachel (Fisher) Fisher, Christiana R1, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher.

Glick, Kauffman – Jonas K., son of Abner S. and Hannah (King) Glick, Christiana R1, to Annie S., daughter of Levi P. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop John S. Glick.

Stoltzfus, Fisher – Jacob K., son of Amos L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus, Strasburg R1, to Annie M., daughter of Levi Z. and Mary (Miller) Fisher, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Christ M. Fisher.

King, Stoltzfus – David A., son of Aaron F. and Emma (King) King, Gordonville R1, to Mary L., daughter of Elmer B. and Naomi (Lantz) Stoltzfus, Gap R2, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

November 21

Stoltzfus, Fisher – Vernon B., son of John K. and Elizabeth (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, to Barbara B., daughter of Christian L. and Sarah (Lapp) Fisher, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Riehl, King – Christian L., son of Gideon L. and Rebecca (Lapp) Riehl, Kinzer R1, to Barbara K., daughter of Ezra F. and Arie (King) King, Kinzer R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Stoltzfus, Blank – Henry R., son of Samuel M. and Mary (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Sylvia G., daughter of John R. and Barbara (Glick) Blank, Christiana R1, by Bishop David Blank.

Fisher, Miller – Aaron L., son of Amos E. and Rachel (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R1, to Sarah S., daughter of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller, Leola R1, by Bishop Amos G. Esh.

Esh, Beiler – Henry S., son of John P. and Sarah (King) Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Barbara B., daughter of Elam H. and Katie (Beiler) Beiler, Paradise R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Peachey, King – Leon R., son of Joseph H. and the late Susie (Riehl) Peachey, Ronks R1, to Katie F., daughter of Joel, Jr. and Miriam (Fisher) King, Gap; Beiler, King – David L., son of Eli K. and Annie (Lapp) Beiler, New Holland, to Amanda F., daughter of Joel, Jr. and Miriam (Fisher) King, Gap, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

Esh, Esh – John S., son of Jonas K. and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Esh, Ronks R1, to Elizabeth L., daughter of David Z. and Mary (Lapp) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Enos Esh.

November 26

Esh, Beiler – Elam B., son of Sadie (Beiler) and the late Elmer D. Esh, Ronks R1, to Verna Mae, daughter of Phares E. and Mary (Beiler) Beiler, Ronks R1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Fisher, Stoltzfus – David Z., son of Paul L. and Annie (Zook) Fisher, Gordonville R1, to Lizzie B., daughter of Aquilla R. and Fannie (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Gordonville, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

LANCASTER CO. MARRIAGES, Continued

Riehl, Esh – Amos G., son of Benjamin B. and Barbara (Glick) Riehl, Ronks R1, to Anna Ruth, daughter of Samuel L. and Rebecca (Smucker) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Daniel A.Miller, LaGrange County, Indiana .

King, Beiler – Enos R., son of Aaron K. and Katie (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, to Lizzie L., daughter of Moses M .and Lizzie (Lapp) Beiler, Leola R1, by Bishop Israel M. Beiler.

Fisher, King – Samuel F., son of Ben S. and Salome (Fisher) Fisher, Ronks R1, to Sadie K., daughter of David B. and Ada (King) King, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Daniel S. Fisher.

Kauffman, Stoltzfus – Elam E., son of BenjaminM. and Elizabeth (Esh) Kauffman, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Mary S., daughter of Sadie (Stoltzfus) and the late Jacob S. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, by Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus.

November 28

Stoltzfus, Fisher – Christ F., son of John K. and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Mary S., daughter of Elsie (Stoltzfus) and the late David Fisher, Bartville, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

Lapp, King – Amos M., Jr., son of Amos M. and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp, Kinzer R1, to Sadie F., daughter of Jesse F. and Susie (Fisher) King, Ronks R1, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Stoltzfus, Esh – Benjamin M., son of Jerry and Mattie (Miller) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, to Elizabeth K., daughter of John K. and Hannah (King) Esh, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus .

King, Dienner – David S., son of Enos K. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, to Sarah L., daughter of Daniel S. and Susie (Smucker) Dienner, Gap R1, by Bishop Abe C, Gingrich, Arthur, Illinois .

Fisher, Kauffman – Isaac F., son of Levi H. and Rebecca (Fisher) Fisher, Lancaster, to Leah F., daughter of Isaac S. and Emma (Fisher) Kauffman, Smoketown, by Bishop Amos G. Esh .

Esh, Esh – Daniel U,, son of Jacob F. and Rebecca (Kauffman) Esh, Loganton R2. to Anna K., daughter of Henry P. and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh, Ronks R1, by Bishop Jacob M..Stoltzfus .

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – John L., son of Amos M. and Leah (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Morgantown, to Rebecca S., daughter of Samuel J. and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Enos Esh .

December 3

Fisher, Beiler – Levi L., son of Jonas K. and Lydia (Lapp) Fisher, Kirkwood R1, to Sarah K., daughter of Joseph L. and Rebecca (King) Beiler, Lancaster, by Bishop Edward Nisley, Arthur, Illinois .

Miller, Allgyer – Lloyd L., son of John S. and Annie (Lapp) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Suasn S., daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Stepehn B., son of David L. and Amanda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, to Mary S., daughter of Jacob L. and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Samuel J..Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfoos – Benjamin M., son of Samuel M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Katie R., daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Abraham C. Gingerich, Arthur, Illinois .

December 5

Glick, Blank – Aron E., son of Aaron J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1, to Barbara E., daughter of Amos S. and Barbara (Esh) Blank, Gap R1, by Bishop Amos G. Esh .

Zook, Beiler – Bennie, son of Christian andMima (Zook) Zook, Lancaster, to Fannie S., daughter of Benjamin R. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler .

Esh, Kauffman – Amos F., son of John F. and Susie (Fisher) Esh, Newburg R1, to Mary E., daughter of Jonathan S. and Elizabeth (Esh) Kauffman, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Edward Nisley, Arthur, Illinois .

December 10

Beiler, Stoltzfus – Christ A., son of Levi E. and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1, to Emma F., daughter of John B. and Susan (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, by Christian M. Fisher.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus – Bennie K., son of Stephen M. and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, to Katie S., daughter of Jonas L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, by David Riehl .

December 12

Beiler, King – Ira S., son of Abram S. and Salome (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Gordonville R1, to Mary S., daughter of Jacob A. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Amos L.. Beiler.

Stoltzfus, Zook – Benjamin F., son of Daniel S. and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, to Annie K., daughter of John S. and Sadie (King) Zook, Quarryville R3; Stoltzfus, Zook – Samuel K., son of Henry L. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, to Malinda S., daughter of John S .and Sadie (King) Zook, Quarryville R3, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Arthur, Illinois

Min. Cris Bontrager had a stroke Saturday, Dec. 28th. He was going to his daughter and son-in-law, Ottis Ottos' and was near there when he first felt it and thought the buggy was falling down. When he got there they soon took him to the hospital and by Dec. 31st was able to sit up and eat by himself. He is 72 years old and was ordained minister in 1928.

Jeff Kaufman had the misfortune to fall and break his hip. He was admitted to the hospital in Decatur. He is 80 years old and was ordained minister in April of 1929.

Harley Schlabaugh, who got his fingers caught in a grain auger last month, had infection in the first two fingers of the right hand. On the first finger they did a little skin grafting, and the long finger was amputated at the first joint.

Bishop Amos Otto, who was burned on his hands, has now had skin grafted on them and is getting along real well.

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

December was mild with very little freezing or snow, only a few flurries. Total rainfall for the month was 5.7 inches. On Dec. 1 we had a very hard wind storm, doing a lot of minor damage to buildings and trees. Coldest was 20 onthe 5th and 11th. Highest was 60 on the 13th. 1974 was a wet year with a total of 54.6 in. for the year. June had the most rainfall with 9.5 in. and November the least with 1.3 in. Crop yield was heavy and excellent quality, except hay was hard to cure.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

December 1 it rained all day, got stormy toward evening, which caused some roof damage and blew down trees in the area. It was cold and nice then until the 8th it rained an inch. Another inch of rain the 16th followed a week of good weather. Before Christmas it was 50 in the morning and got quite warm for a few days. A few snow flurries have been seen so far. Some plowing done; the main work now is husker shredding corn off the shock row. Some deer were killed the first week in December, but not quite like other years. Feed prices have dropped a few dollars a ton, but still too high. Eggs bring a good price.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for December was 5.4 inches.

Market report: Choice fat cattle $40-$47 cwt; Feeders $20 to $31 cwt; Veal prime $60 to $75 cwt.; feeder pigs 30 to 60 lb. 52¢ to 64¢ per lb; dairy cows $445 to $825; poultry, heavy fowl 18¢ lb;; pullets 48¢ lb,; capons 60¢ lb; ducks 50¢ lb; turkey hens 56¢ lb; rabbits 58¢ lb.; eggs 70¢ doz; potatoes $2.75 to $4.00 cwt.; hay $43 to $80 ton; straw $35 to $50 ton; ear corn $60 to $75 ton; corn $3.45 bu,; wheat $4.10 bu; barley $2.50 bu; oats $1.90 bu.

by Ammon F. Fisher

We had a very mild winter so far, coldest about 18. December 1 we had very strong winds, taking a few roofs off here and there, uprooting trees and hard on some barn doors. The 8th we had heavy rain with wind. Springs and streams are a lot stronger since the good rains. The last day of December we had snow flurries looking nearly like chicken feathers, enough to cover the ground, changing to an icy rain. Farmers are plowing and stripping tobacco. Some sold their tobacco, from 55 to 60 cents per lb.

Bradford County, Pennsylvania, by Clemens Nissley

The weather for December was mild. We had 3 to 4 inches of snow, some flurries now and then, enough to make good sleighing on dirt roads. Farmers are cutting wood; still some corn to pick. Hunting was almost a must for some. Most of the Amish got deer, most in doe season. Quite a few antlerless buck were taken.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by Levi S. King

December was mostly mild, with 5.2 inches of rain. A few snow flurries on the 19th and about 3 inches of snow on the 31st. Farmers are hauling manure; some have started to strip tobacco. Not much plowing has been done as it was too wet. Dairy farmers who have to buy their feed are complaining, and a lot of steer feeders do not have as many steers as usual due to high feed costs.

Franklin County, Pennsylvania, by Jacob E. Flaud

In the beginning of December we had heavy rain and high winds, some snow and sleet. Heavy snow in the mountains west of us. A lot of people were stranded on the turnpike. A lot of storm damage in the Chambersburg area, mostly barn roofs. We also had mild weather later in the month.

Clinton County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Beiler

December started in with two days of cold, wind, snow, and rain; then three days of sunny and cold. The rest of the month was mostly cloudy, with snow flurries and rain. The 24th it rained, Christmas Day was cloudy, the next morning the ground was white. Now the snow is about all gone, weather is warmer, and it is fit to plow.

Snyder County (McClure), Pa., by Katie A. Speicher

December started out rather cold and windy. It rained most of the day Dec. 8. Then it was mostly cold, windy, and rainy until the 23rd. Then we had a few days of clear, mild weather. It was rainy and muddy on Christmas Day. The ground was white with snow on December 31.

Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

We didn't have much winter yet. The ground was frozen a little at times. Once we had enough snow for tracking, but it did not last long. We had between 5 and 6 inches of rain. We got 12 deer amongst the Amish, 2 with bow, 4 during buck season, and the rest in doe season. We had a fruitful year in 1974.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by Mary A. Kinsinger

Our weather for December was a bit unusual with such a heavy, disastrous snow. It was a wet, clinging snow that hung to trees, fences, and electric wires. It broke the wires, and trees and many wash lines. The average depth was 20 to 24 inches on the level. Many people were without current for a week, and some without telephone service even longer. We had snow on the ground since Dec. 1, and not much ground was bare till the day before Christmas when it rained. Ground is about white again and rivers and creeks full. Deer hunting was not as usual because of the deep snow.

Adams County, Pennsylvania, by Elizabeth Stoltzfus

December was warm and wet, with temperature never falling below 20 degrees. There were six days when the temperature did not go down to freezing, and six days with readings above 50. Measureable amounts of rain or snow on 10 days totaled more than 5 inches. There was one inch of snow Dec. 19. We had 1.3 in. rain Dec. 1 with strong winds which blew off roofs, etc.

Path Valley, Pennsylvania, by Daniel Beiler

December was about average, plenty rainfall, no snow to amount to anything. Some plowing and manure hauling were done this month.

Centre County, Pennsylvania, by Tobias D..Stoltzfus

December came in with snow and wind, but did not amount to as much here as some places farther west. It soon turned to rain, and was rather unpleasant on the second. We had a lot of nice weather in December, only flurries of snow. The ground was open so that farmers were plowing. Demand and prices for farms are high, with not many for sale.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, by Catherine Swarey

December started in snowy and cold. We had 3 to 4 inches of snow that lasted nearly two weeks. Lowest temperature was 10 degrees the first week. Dec. 8 was warmer with over an inch of rain. Dec. 14 to 16 and on Christmas Day we had rain, making a total of 2½ to 3 inches. We had many gray, cloudy, foggy days, six beautiful sunny days. The latter part of December was mostly cloudy in the forenoons and sunny in the afternoon. Temperature was in the high thirties. It started snowing about noon of Dec .31.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania, by David Y. Renno

The weather during December was mostly wet and warm, about 5½ inches rainfall and no snow. Farmers were plowing and doing repair work. Rainfall the past year was 4 inches above normal and little snow or stormy weather. 1974 has gone down in history as a year of shortages, inflation, and extremely high prices. The last two months many laboring people were laid off or working only part time. Building of new houses has come to a standstill, and work in manufacturing plants has been greatly reduced. Our group in 1974 has had 12 births and two deaths. Only one member married, and two families moved away. No others moved in. One deacon was ordained, and two people were baptized this past year.

Guys Mills, Pennsylvania, by Melvin D. Byler

The weather throughout December was very nice winter weather with about 4 inches of snow during the first part of the month. Perfect weather for deer hunting. Low for the month was 10, high around 40. Very little snow the last part of the month. Still a lot of corn to be picked around here which did not ripen in time, also ground was too soft some places. Grain prices at the mill are quite high at present. Shelled corn $7.40 cwt; oats $6.75 cwt; soybean meal $9.30 cwt; local ear corn is around $100 ton; oats $1.60 bu.; alfalfa hay $65 a ton.

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, by Dan J. Troyer

December was a cloudy month with about 15 days of no sunshine. Snow was about 4 or 5 inches at the most in the forepart, but it did not last very long. After this we had only an inch or so at a time. The temperature was mostly in the thirties, the low was 12 degrees and the highest 48.

Crawford County, Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Menno Fisher

We had a lot of damp, drizzly, rainy, and snowy days in December; only a few days of sunshine. There was snow on the ground most of the month, although never very deep. Farmers are cutting wood, hauling manure, some plowing. Deer are plentiful; quite a few were shot around here. They are fattening up on the corn still standing. No zero weather to date. The ground was not frozen hard yet.

Conewango Valley, New York, by Mrs. Menno Miller

December was snowy, but not so cold. Quite a bit of butchering was done. Beef and hog prices are still down and feed high. People are butchering more. Some movings going on later on.

Stark County, Ohio, by Mrs. Enos L. Miller

Dec. 31 it started to rain and turned to sleet. The roads got icy. There is still some snow on the ground from high drifts early in the month. Trappers have been wishing for more snow. One trapper saw a red fox, but not enough snow to track him so he got away. December was not so cold. The coldest we had was 18 to 20. We also had some muddy days. The Hartville Elevators discontinued handling coal, which makes it unhandy for this area. The last coal they had was in October. Those were $50 a ton.

Stark County, Ohio, by Andrew M. Miller

The month of December really made some history. Saturday night and Sunday, December 1, it was snowing and blowing all day. It kept it up till we had about two feet of snow with lots of high drifts. We were shut in till Friday. It really caused a lot of extra effort and work to get on the go again, but we had lots to be thankful for, as we still had plenty to eat and a dry and warm place to stay. There are still lots of big piles of snow around. From there on we had a nice month with some sunshine, but mostly cloudy weather. We had a little bit of rain once in a while, then a little snow again. We had a few inches on the 24th, then cloudy days and not so cold. It really put a stop to lots of the building that was going on. There seems to be lots of corn to harvest yet in our county. There is a small sugar company at the city of Ottawa, Ohio, where they raise sugar beets. They run a few months till the beets are all used up, as they cannot hold the beets too long. They run 24 hours a day and make about 400,000 lbs. a day. It all goes to industrial plants and bakeries. Livestock quotations; Hogs $42.50; fat cattle, choice $40.25; calves $59; cows $23; heifers $39.75; feeder cattle $16 to $28.50; lambs $40.

Geauga County, Ohio, by John H. Hershberger

The weather in December has been unusual, with a lot of snow and wind the forepart. We had up to 20 inches of snow, and mostly a wet heavy snow that was hard to push around. It came mostly from the northeast where the snow fences did little good. Along the east side of the highways it was piled mailbox high. It has now mostly melted. Our lowest temperature was 10 above.

Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary Yoder

We had the worst snowstorm over the weekend of December 1 that we've had in many years. We had 15 inches, and the ground was not frozen so some of it melted as it came down. A lot of roads were closed and no mail and no milk trucks on Monday. The snow was so wet that it stayed on the trees and phone lines. It broke down a lot of trees and electric lines. Some people were without heat or light from 12 to 48 hours. The rest of the month was cold and snowy.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

A deep 16 inch snow fell the first two days of December, occasional snow throughout the month. At this writing the snow is all gone except some of the biggest piles. Quite a bit of the corn has been husked within the last two weeks, still not done. We had foggy and cloudy days.

Southeastern Holmes County, by John L. Yoder

December 1 started off with a heavy snow, 16 to 18 inches. Coldest weather was 6 above zero. Snow gradually vanished the next few weeks. Latter part of December we had lots of damp and foggy weather, also some rains. Springs are flowing to their full extent. Wheat looks good. Still some corn on shock.

Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary E. Brenneman

December came in with lots of snow and winds. We had at least 20 inches. Main highways were shut as well as county roads, and people were simply snowbound. We had snow on the ground ever since, but it warmed up enough that the farmers got some plowing done. We had a muddy, slushy Christmas, although it turned colder later in the day; then we had snow flurries yet.

Danville, Ohio, by Mrs. Tobe Hostetler

The weather was changeable through December. We had a snowstorm Dec. 1 with 21 inches of snow. With the gradual thaw we had no high waters, but not all of it has melted yet. Dec. 15 we had another 2 inches. Sugar prices were up to $70 per hundred, but now down to $60.

Camden, Michigan, by Levi R. Graber

We have had a cover of snow from 6 to 8 inches deep all through December. We have good sleighing weather. We had a low of 8 to a high of 40. The ground is still not frozen. Some were plowing Dec. 31. No school Dec. 2 due to snow drifted roads. I sold wheat for $4.50 per bushel.

Centreville, Michigan, by Treva Yoder

December was nice winter weather. Some snow to make it look nice. One week it was in the 20's, then warmer, 40 and some rain.

Oscoda County (Mio), Michigan, by Melvin Gingerich

December was mild, with about 7 inches of snow at the present time. Lowest temperature this winter so far was 7 degrees. There is still some corn to husk in the fields, and is not fully matured.

Bronson, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

We have had many days of wet snow this month, but never any heavy snows. Most of the time there was not any accumulation of over 4 inches. The ground hasn't been frozen all month. We had a beautiful sunny Christmas Day, although we had many cloudy days in this month. Corn is not all harvested yet, and it looks like it is much better dried out now than the early harvested corn. Yield and quality is much better than expected since the very dry summer we had. In summing up the year, the income of the farms was good, but much lower than in 1973. That was probably one of the best to expect.

Ashley, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

We had snow on the ground all December. Lowest temperature was 14 on the fifth, Highest 42 on 24th. Dec. 12 to 14 we had continuous heavy fog. We had no real snow storm, 6 to 8 inches was the most. We had snow on Christmas. Plowing stopped and ground froze on November 26.

Allen County, Indiana, by Mrs. John Schmucker

December came in by having 5 inches of snow on the first. The ground was covered more or less with snow most of the month. The coldest was 5 on the sixth, a high of 43 on the 23rd. Most days were cloudy, only three listed as clear.

Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

Figures for December were as follows: High temp. 43 on the 30th, low 13 on the tenth. Rain 3.28 in.; snow 8.8 in. There were 4 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy, 8 rainy days, and no thunderstorms. Year, 1974: The early months of the year were wetter than normal, and then came July with a record dry spell. This was followed by above average rainfall for the balance of the year, making the total 41.57 in., which is six inches above normal. Snow for the year totaled 44.6 inches. High for the year 96 degrees; low 3 below zero. There were 117 clear days, 158 partly cloudy days, 90 cloudy days, 88 rainy days, and there were 16 thunderstorms.

LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

The first of the month the weather was nice and mild. We had some snow the first week. Dec 13 and 14 it was very foggy with mild temperature, much to benefit of the coal situation. We had real rainy days 14 to 16th and some wind. It cleared off then after a few inches of snow, and we had nice winter days. Between the 18th and 24th we had some cloudy weather. We had snow for Christmas and wonderful weather. Presently it is somewhat cloudy and seems like more snow. Quite a bit of butchering is being done. Men folks are hauling manure. Women will likely settle down to sewing and quilting, etc. Some are enjoying the Florida sunshine.

Elkhart County, Indiana, by Sam K. Stoltzfus

December greeted us with snow. The fourth was fair and sunny skies, the latter part of the week damp. The ninth was 10 degrees and windy with 3 inches of snow. Latter part of that week rain or fine mist. Dec. 15 and 16 rainy. It snowed on Christmas, making nice scenery but roads were slippery. The 26th sunny and 10, rainy the next three days. Hog prices are up but beef price is down.

Kokomo, Indiana, by Mrs. Daniel D. Yoder

Lots of cloudy, damp weather throughout December. We had several snows, one of them heavy enough that no mail went for a day. Temperatures haven't been lower than about 15. No real freeze-up for a period of time. Plowing was still being done by January 1 whenever it freezes a little, as it is too muddy otherwise with the rains we've had.

Milroy, Indiana, by John R. Yutzy

December had hardly any good drying days. We had only five nice days the entire month; a lot of damp, drizzling days. We had 2.6 inches moisture. It was not very cold, with an average morning temperature of 31. The coldest was 16 on Dec. 26. Corn is mostly harvested, not much fall plowing done. Hogs were up to $43. Only about 3 inches of snow so far.

Kosciusko County, Indiana, by Joni D. Gingerich

December was mild in comparison to what it sometimes is. According to the weather station at Goshen, the temperature only went under 20 degrees four times in the month. One morning it was 10, on the 26th, but by the next morning it was up to 25 again. On the few cold mornings there was a coat of snow on the ground, so the ground was frozen very little all month. We had 15 days of cloudy weather, Some being damp and chilly, made it seem colder than it really was. We had two days of all sunshine; 1½ in. of rain, and 5½ inches of snow. Crops are all gathered. Quite a few have been cutting wood to save on the high cost of coal and oil. Feed lots are nearly empty this winter on account of high feed costs. Hay is selling for $85 a ton or more; ear corn $2.90; soy beans $6.50; wheat $4.07 at the elevator.

Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

We had very mild weather in December, never lower than 20, cloudy and wet. Still a lot of corn to be harvested.

Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

December was not very cold. We had about 2 in. on the second; then 4 in. several days later, with enough wind to drift the east-west roads. The snow plows were busy for a day or two. Some roads had four-foot banks after the plows went through. Since that it has been warmer and damp. Very little plowing was done in December. Still some corn to pick; have been waiting on a freeze to gather. So much of it would not keep in cribs. We had one or two mornings of 18 degrees, but warmed up during the day.

Trenton, Kentucky, by Willis J. Hostetler

December has been rainy and chilly most of the time. We had a little snow once, but it only lasted a day or so. Some fall plowing was done. Grain prices are very unsteady, up one day and down the next. Wheat is under $4 per bu., corn is a little over $3 per bu., soybeans around $7 per bu.

Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

Weather continues wet and warm for this time of the year. We had very little cold so far. We had a light blanket of snow the second. Cutting firewood, hauling manure, and general repair work seems to be the order of the day. A lot of butchering is also being done.

Reno County (Partridge) Kansas, by Edward A. Mast

Nice winter weather with a few snow flurries Dec. 18th and 29th. Wheat pasture is plentiful, and the ground dry enough for pasturing. Cattle prices still on a downward trend. Milo and wheat are also slipping a little, but still over $4.50 cwt. and $4 bu.

Reno County (Haven) Kansas, by E. E. Schrock

The first part of December we had quite cold, but the rest of the month was very nice. We had several snows which didn't last very long. We had some rain too, but mostly sunny days. Lots of butchering was done. Cattle are out on wheat pasture.

Pike County, Missouri, by George Yoder

It rained about 2½ inches the first days of Nov. After Thanksgiving it snowed 4 or 5 inches. Our coldest was 15 degrees. No snow at present. Stock prices may be a little better.

Anabel, Missouri

December brought us rain off and on through the month, with light snows in between. The ground is quite wet when not frozen. Some plowing was done the 22nd, but was too wet since. The low for the month was 6 above with 20 to 30 M. P. H. winds on the fourth. Our high was 54 on Dec. 22.

Audrain County, Missouri, by Samuel D. Beachy

The ground was wet all through December, except when it was frozen. The last of the November snow was all gone by the sixth. Coldest was almost zero on Dec. 3. On the 24th we had a freezing rain, followed by snow and sleet. By the end of the month it was rainy and real muddy. The state wants to enforce the new dairy law that went into effect Dec. 26. We are only selling milk on probation. Milk dropped 40¢ recently.

Marshfield, Missouri, by David A. Kinsinger

We are having a very mild winter so far; only one snow the last of November. We had a lot of cloudy weather, but only two soaking rains. The small cheese house that has been taking our milk says they can keep on as far as the federal regulations are concerned, but the price they have been paying ($5.40 for 4%) makes one wonder how long we will be able to let them have any. Fat hogs are holding up well. Feeder pig prices are improving, cattle still down.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We are having nice winter weather, with a little snow now and then. The wet, heavy snow of a month ago is mostly gone. Temperature has been from 15 to 32. The coldest was 4 above. There is still some corn out. Some fall plowing has been done, but not as much here as in some localities.

Milton, Iowa, by Delbert R. Schmucker

December was a mild month. We had a lot of cloudy days, several snow flurries. The 10-inch snow of the last of November did not last long. Not much fall plowing has been done. Still some corn out. Men are shucking it as they use it as it is wet. Early corn was good. Cattle market is up a little. Good feeder calves $30. Feeder pig market went up quite a bit the last week in December, 50 lbs. $25 to $30. Milk down to $5.76; corn $3.10; beans around $7; oats $1.75; hay $1 and up; fat hogs $42. We had about 1½ inches of rain.

Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

December was a pleasant winter month with a few nice snows. It was warmer during the day that snow soon disappeared. Coldest for the month was 6 above. Still some corn to pick that was late, hurt by frost.

Wilton, Wisconsin, by Jacob D. Hochstetler

December was a mild month. The coldest we had was 2 above zero. We had 10 inches of wet snow Dec. 15, which made real good sledding on the roads. We had some snow since, also settled quite a bit. There is still 12 inches on the level in the woods. Several families are down with flu. Menfolks are cutting wood and butchering.

Medford, Wisconsin, by John Schmucker, Jr.

December was mild compared with last year. The coldest was 2 degrees on Dec. 9. Our Christmas and New Year's Day were beautiful. It snowed enough that it was good sledding.

Amherst, Wisconsin, by Mrs. L. J. Borntrager

We had a nice December. Temperature has not reached zero yet. We had several snows. On Dec. 15 and 16 we had a wet snow, leaving a beautiful winter scene. Every little twig was covered with snow. We have 8 to 10 inches on the level.

Vernon County, Wisconsin, by Joe C. Borntreger

Our weather has been above normal for December. The coldest was 4 above zero. We have from 6 to 12 inches of snow on the level. Corn is a little wet in some fields due to a late spring and early frost this fall. A lot of plowing was done this fall. Still some corn to be picked. Fat hogs are around $40 cwt.; forty pound weaning pigs $20 each; shelled corn (dried) $140 per ton; milk $6.50 cwt., 3.5 test.

Blair, Wisconsin, by Mrs. Moses S. Miller

Weather for December was mostly mild. The coldest was 2 above. We have several inches of snow on the ground. On Dec. 28 it was very sunny and warm, which melted a lot of snow. Roads are not as icy as they had been. Corn is $3.30 bu; oats $1.70; hay $1.00 to $1.50 a bale.

Wadena, Minnesota, by William M. Schrock, Sr.

December had a lot of nice weather, lots of sunny days, not as cold as a year ago. We have 4 or 5 in. snow on the ground; most we had all winter. Very little zero so far. Cattle and calves sell a lot cheaper than a year ago. Milk is still a good price, grain high.

Springfield, Ontario, by Mrs. Wm. D. Kramer

December came in with blustery weather and a few inches of snow, most of it piled along the ditches and fence rows. Temperature was in the teens several mornings. The first week in December we had some very foggy weather. By the ninth it went down to 20, then in a few days 40 degrees and more fog again. It has mostly been from 20 to 40. We had only 2 in. of snow at a time. Dec. 26 we had a beautiful sunset with the sun looking like a red ball of fire.

Tavistock, Ontario, by Mrs. Emanuel Peachey

We did not have very much cold, wintry weather in December. It was unusually mild for this time of year. We did not have much snow at any one time, then mild weather soon melted it again. We did have a nice white Christmas though, and on Dec. 31 it snowed 6 to 8 inches. Temperature dropped down again, but skies are clear.

Milverton, Ontario, by Israel Kuepfer

We haven't had much snow or cold weather so far. Trees are frosty this morning. We had about 3 inches of snow, so sleighing is good on some roads.

Norwich, Ontario, by D. L. Stutzman

December started in rough, with a blizzard bringing not only snow, but dust from the plowed fields. The rest of the month it was quite mild, bringing snow and melting some of it again. We had good sleighing before Christmas, but it is gone again. Very little fall plowing has been done this month.

Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

We had quite a bit of snow and cold in December. Oats is selling around $2.50 a bu. and corn $3.50. Hogs were from 55¢ to 58¢ lb.; beef is down approximately 10¢ to 15¢ live weight, although the retail price doesn't seem to be down.

Grey County, Ontario, by Noah Stutzman

December was mostly mild; snow was light, usually just enough to keep the ground covered. We had quite a few days with temperature above freezing, although sunny days were scarce.

Guaimaca, Honduras

The year 1974 brought us less than average rainfall, with a total of 36.85 inches. Over half of this fell during the months of September and October. The summer months were quite dry, but the crops were fair in spite of the drought. The month of December has seen quite a few potatoes planted in the community. This year at least 150 bags of seed potatoes are being planted compared to only 40 bags last year. This is on the Amish farms. No one else is growing potatoes commercially in this area. We have been enjoying some cool nights, with morning temperatures in the high forties a few times.

POWER SAW ACCIDENT

Paul Wengerd, married to Edna Nisley, of Danville, Ohio, got his left hand in a power saw and had two fingers badly mangled. The one finger was taken off just below the second joint and the other one was saved. He was laid up for a while but was able to go back to work again.

MILROY, INDIANA ACCIDENT

Nelson, son of Willis Millers, who is in the 3rd grade, was injured, Dec. 9th, when his clothes caught on the P.T.O. while helping grind feed. He broke his one arm, both shoulder blades, and had a slight brain concussion. He came home from the hospital Dec. 14th and was doing O.K.

COMMUNITY NOTES – Grey County, Ontario

On Jan. 9th will be the sale day for Ben L. Shetlers, with intentions of moving soon after to the northern part of New York State.

Lizzie, wife of Jacob P. Gingerich, of Desboro R2, is not well these days. She is mostly in bed but goes to the table on a wheel chair for her meals. She has a heart condition.

MIGRATIONS

Ben J. Stutzmans of Mt. Elgin R1, Ontario to Greenville, Michigan, March 13.

Levi A. Millers and 8 children of Norwich R1 to Lucknow, Ontario, March 27.

Jonas J. Millers Jr. and 5 children from Fredericksburg, Ohio to Norwich R1, Ont., arrived March 29.

The Dan D. Hershberger family of Dundee R1 and the John Petersheim family of Fredericksburg R2 moved to Canton, Minnesota, March 12.

Roman Millers moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin to Milroy, Indiana, April 1

Sammy Yoders moved from New Glarus, Wisconsin to Fairbank, Iowa, March 20.

Willis H. Millers moved from New Glarus, Wis. to Milroy, Indiana, March 27.

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This left Michael Zehr a lone minister with the old congregation. One account says that he too was confused for a time, but was determined to search the scriptures for an answer. As he opened the bible one evening to study, the bible opened at the psalms and his eyes were at once fixed on two words, "be firm." This settled his turmoil, he decided to remain steadfast to his church in spite of the fast dwindling congregation. He nowed that he would stay if he was the only one left. He remained steadfast to the end.

In a period of five years many left the old church, some have said that three out of four had despised the old church for the new one. In this period the Amish church called unto Canada for help. It is said that a Bishop Esch of Canada and another minister by name of Stoltzfus came to their aid. They ordained two men to the ministry, a Gerber and a Herschi. They remained faithful for only a few years then they also joined the new church.

A second time they called to Canada for help, and again Bishop Esch responded, along with Bishop Roth. This time Michael Zehr was ordained bishop, Jacob Roggie as minister and Christian Zehr, son of Michael, as deacon. These men stayed within their calling, except Christian Zehr left after twenty-six years.

At another time Andrew Zehr was ordained, who soon after left likewise to join the new church. Then Joseph Zehr was ordained who soon after moved to Canada. In 1860 John Moser was ordained. By this time there were only seven families left. In 1868 Peter Lehman was ordained. In 1880 Jacob Zehr was ordained but refused to accept the call. Up until 1874 ministers were ordained by the most voice method, which was the old Alsation method used for perhaps the greater part of a century. Thereafter the lot method was used in Lewis County.

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Joseph F. Beiler

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Its Growth and Struggles

This early Amish colony grew with surprising speed from the beginning. Due credit must be given to more than one factor. Our new colony hovered around a French settlement in the Beaver River basin. Here everyone was of one nationality. Even though the Amish were referred to as Germans, they were originally of genuine Swiss stock, but had labored in France long enough to be acceptable to a French settlement in the new country. With this advantage they held strong communal ties in the French settlement.

This French settlement, called Croghan, was an important logging town since it was the center of a large lumber industry. It is said that at one time as many as one thousand people were employed in the woods at one time in a radius of twenty miles. This enabled our colony to construct farm buildings at a fast rate as well as furnish off-the-farm jobs in time of need.

Our Alsation immigrants were distinguished as a respectable, quiet and peace loving folk. They were known as an honest people and as good farmers. Thus they were capable of producing foods and dairy products for the lumber employees who in turn provided a market for their farm products.

Another note says our immigrants were well educated in Europe. After they came to America their talents were used in various types of service to build a spiritual stronghold and to mutual life. Some had singing talent, some had leadership talent, and as a whole they were industrious. A public office was not acceptable to the church, yet their service to the business world was rendered to the benefit of the whole French settlement.

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Perhaps one of the main factors contributing to the rapid growth of the church was that among the very first settlers were three men ordained in Europe. This gave the congregation a head start benefit which was often denied their sister settlements in America. Joseph Farney was ordained bishop in France. Michael Zehr and Rudulf Virkler were ordained ministers. In less than ten years twenty Amish families had already settled in this French settlement. Among these were Zehr, Virkler, Farney, Kennel, Moser, Jantzi, Martin, Noftsier, Roggie, Steria, Shantz, Hirschey and Widricks. One source says that Louise Yancey was born on the sailboat enroute America and Joe Noftsier was born near Utica inland enroute to the new settlement. All sources alike tell us that they held worship meetings in their rural homes. Some walked, some rode in carts drawn by oxen, and because of the distance and sometimes unfavorable traveling conditions which they encountered they had no set time for service to begin. They held a traditional three hour service. These services were held every other Sunday at homes "abweckseln" or by turns in each home. Although they were quite able to speak French, the worship services were always conducted in the German language. The sermons were given from German bibles which they had brought with them from Europe and the "Ausbund" was their hymn book. One source will say that the minister preached while sitting, but a closer study tells us that Michael Zehr has done so perhaps in advancing years due to handicapped conditions unknown to us.

At fourteen years of age our colony had proceeded remarkably both in spiritual strength and material gains. But the prince of destruction did not by-pass our virgin colony. In 1850 an invited elder, Benedict Weyeneth of Switzerland, came to the French colony. He was of a sect known as "die Fröhlich." This sect was quite popular in Switzerland now and had consumed a large part of the old Anabaptist congregations there. They introduced the missionary trait to the remaining Mennonites in Switzerland at least a half century before and at a somewhat slow pace had gained a foothold there. By now they had a different view pertaining to the new birth experience, by feeling impulse or emotion. They also subscribed to the doctrine of baptism by immersion. This "Frohlich" visitor was granted permission from Rudolf Virkler to read a song from the hymn book after the meeting had left out or concluded. He presented to the congregation his views of the new doctrine and visited some homes after the meeting.

His views were favored by Rudolf Virkler who afterwards left his church to associate with the new doctrine. In 1852 Joseph Virkler was ordained minister to the new church and thus was established the first church in America of this kind. After a few years Bishop Joseph Farney was influenced by the new doctrine which was now called the "New Amish Church." Today they are known as the "Evangelical Baptist Church."

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